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Waiting for God

"They that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength."

Shall we rush into the new year heedless of the presence of God and unmindful of His goodness? We cannot ignore Him, if we would—yet there are those that imagine they are doing without Him.

In our review of the past year, many things are recalled that are naturally depressing. The wonder is that we were not crushed by them. Considered alone in our relation to them, we were defeated by them. We can find little over which we can boast. Not taking into the account the guidance of the Unseen Hand, our part in the conduct of the past year is nothing of which we can be proud.

And how about the new year? How shall we face it? There will be as many uncomfortable circumstances for us, in all probability, this year, as last. In what spirit shall we meet them?

The prophet is not in doubt as to the course to be pursued. He urges that we wait for Jehovah. Not that He is slow, but that He is not impatient. His plans are plans for eternity. Time is no object with Him, and His resources are limitless. Not being circumscribed by our limitations, He conducts His government on broad lines. The outcome with Him is not doubtful. His plan in human affairs is laid in His Almightly, Fatherly Love, and that cannot fail. Having set the machinery of salvation and of providence in motion, He confidently awaits the results.

Foolish men sometimes attempt to arrange their affairs, temporal and spiritual, unmindful of the Divine interest in them, and of the Divine provision for their best good. This is shortsighted, to say the least. Ultimate failure must result. The better way is to seek the paths of God—to listen, as is were, for His footsteps.

"I had rather walk in the dark with Him, than go alone in the light."

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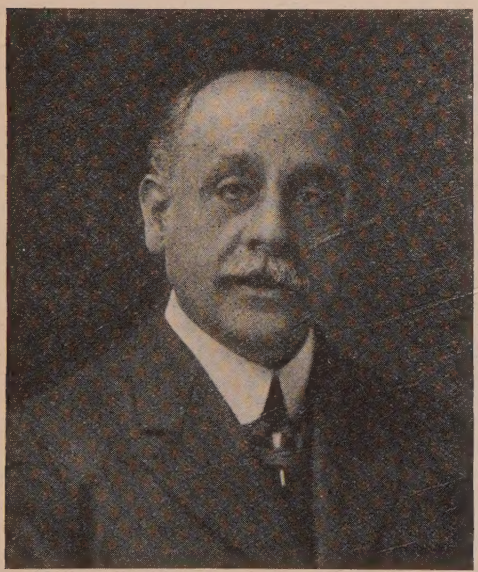

The golden evening brightens in the West;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia!

We've Played Long Enough

BY CLARENCE C. DITTMER,
Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee, Luther League of America

THAT is the apt way in which one of the interested delegates to the recent York Convention of the Luther League of America expressed it: "We've played long enough with Luther League work. It is time we did something comparable to our opportunities and responsibilities as the official young people's organization of the United Lutheran Church."

Of course, like most statements of this kind it is not altogether true. During the thirty-two years that the Luther League of America has been organized, consecrated Luther Leaguers, filled with a vision of the tremendous possibilities of the Luther League movement, have given willingly and liberally of their time and energies, making many financial contributions as well. If they had failed in their tasks, where would the Luther League of America be today? The results of their efforts, however, would have been greater had all the other Luther Leaguers of those years likewise measured up to their responsibilities by contributing the means for extending the work of the League.

Many of the York Convention delegates consequently were deeply stirred when they mentally compared the present status of the Luther League with what might have been accomplished had we been properly equipped in the past. They compared the results of our work with that of other young people's organizations—the Christian Endeavor Societies, the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Baptist Young People's Union—who were organized only a few years prior to ours. Early in the history of most of these organizations they discarded the per capita dues system, although it was only about four years ago that the Epworth League scrapped its 5 cents a member dues. Now 150,000 of their active young people contribute $1.04 and more a year on their "24-hour day plan" for the advancement of the work of the Epworth League.

Luther Leaguers, here is where we have been "playing" while others have been working, and working effectively, because their memberships made it possible for their officers to extend the work not alone in the United States and Canada but in their mission fields. We have just as loyal an organization, we have just as many young people of talent, we have just as much consecration as they; but we have failed in one respect—we have permitted the Luther League of America—through our indifference or lack of forethought—to go on from year to year depending upon the voluntary, part-time, evening work of a selected few.

The other important work of our United Lutheran Church is not done that way. Full-time ministers of the Gospel, full-time synodical officers and full-time organization secretaries treat their work as a vocation and are able to give their very best efforts and the whole strength of their lives in the best hours of the day to the most important task of spreading the Kingdom of our Christ in their respective fields.

We need, as never before, the most active and the best of our young men and women of talent and faithfulness in our local, district, state, synodical and even international League work. Without them in the places of leadership, every other branch of our work is impossible. But these consecrated young people need help and direction as they willingly bend their youthful energies and abilities to their tasks. Naturally they look to the headquarters of the Luther League of America to supply them with leaders' helps, suggestive League literature, missionary information, life-work vocational information, and able secretaries who have specialized in intermediate work. They have a right to expect that, and without a properly-equipped headquarters staff our work becomes effective only in spots and we must consequently leave undone much that ought to be done—particularly in extending the work.

Just now, Luther Leaguers, we ought to have a secretary who will devote his entire time to the special needs of the intermediates. Our League work suffers much from our inability to deal with this need effectively. Think of the possibilities of placing one capable full-time secretary in charge of this work! The Epworth League, for instance, placed a secretary in charge of their missionary program four years ago, when they had 5,026 in mission study classes, and today they have between 150,000 and 200,000 of their young people studying missions.

The York Convention, feeling the imperative need of adding four full-time secretaries—one for intermediate work, one for educational work, one for missions and one for life-service—authorized the Executive Committee to call these four secretaries on a full-time basis whenever in

their judgment it was possible to support them.

But they can't be called yet, because funds are not available to give them adequate suport. And they can't be called unless we Luther Leaguers cease "playing" with Luther League work and address ourselves to the practical task of providing the funds necessary.

You have laid upon me the responsibility of being your treasurer at this time of unprecedented opportunity and responsibility. As such I feel it my duty to call your atention to these needs and to ask you for your conscientious co-operation in meeting those needs.

The delegates at the York Convention attempted to cope with the situation by increasing the dues from 15 cents per capita to 25 cents per capita, which means an increase in revenue of about $3,000 a year. Every one will admit that this 25 cents is a very small amount to ask from really interested Leaguers; but there were treasurers there who knew that when they returned home the "small ones" in their respective Leagues, out of the pettiness of their interest in the larger work of the Luther League, would quibble about paying even 25 cents per year for the support of this important work. Think of it! But we are grateful we have so few of them in our League.

How does the Finance Committee need your help? It asks for your whole-hearted co-operation in the following three ways:

1. By seeing to it that you and your Leaguers pay promptly the 25 cents per member dues (in January, if possible) and that your local treasurer passes it on immediately to your District Treasurer. The Finance Committee recommends that this amount be secured as far as possible from the individual members of the League and not simply voted out of the local treasury.

2. By increasing the membership of your local, district, state or synodical League. The Luther League of America is the official young people's organization of the United Lutheran Church, and every young man or woman, boy or girl, of our Church should be a member. Organize an effective membership campaign as soon as possible. Make your League a working League. Every thousand new members adds $250 to our income; and every member added to your organization means a larger group of live, consecrated, wide-awake workers to carry forward the work of the League.

3. By seeing to it that every one of your Leaguers is and continues to be a subscriber to THE LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. If each one of our 30,000 Luther Leaguers subscribed to the REVIEW, what an incentive to our editor! And every subscription received means so much less of a deficit to be paid from the regular funds—and it might even pay a profit. And with a reading and thinking group of Luther Leaguers what an effective organization we would have, in touch with headquarters each month and putting into practice the best ideas and plans for effective League work.

Fellow-Leaguers, the Finance Committee and the Treasurer count on your help in these three ways and ask for your prayers that the less interested ones may become kindled with a greater zeal and love for extending this important work of His Kingdom. "It is time we did something comparable to our opportunities and responsibilities as the official young people's organization of the United Lutheran Church."

"Expect great things from God—attempt great things for God."

Editor's Note.—Mr. Dittmer thoroughly believes in the importance of the work of the Luther League and in the necessity of "doing it with thy might." He has amply proved his intense working interest in League work by his activity as Secretary of the District Luther League of Brooklyn and Long Island and as Treasurer of the Luther League of New York State. His hobby is organization. It was some ten years ago that he as the paid assistant secretary of the Advertising Men's League of New York City helped reorganize the work of that commercial organization, which was much in debt, so that it succeeded in winning all the trophies offered for the best and most aggressive advertising organization. Within the last two years he has reorganized the finances of the Luther League of New York State, from a deficit of more than $2,000 to a good working cash balance. He is financial secretary of his local church as well as treasurer of various funds. He is a graduate of New York University School of Commerce, and was one of the first five men of his class to be awarded the Delta Mu Delta honorary key for scholarship. He married Marie E. Hachtmann, an active Brooklyn District Leaguer, whom he met at the close of the Baltimore Convention in 1914. He is the joint purchasing agent and office manager of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America and the Student Volunteer Movement.

CONTAGION

Lots of things are contagious besides smallpox—smiles, frowns, kind deeds, evil temper, fault finding. What kind of contagion do you carry around?

Constitution of the Luther League of America

As Amended at York, Pa., 1922.

We, the members and representatives of the Luther League of America, in convention assembled, adopt the following constitution:

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this organization shall be "The Luther League of America."

ARTICLE II.—AFFILIATION.

This organization is a part of the United Lutheran Church in America and auxiliary to its operations.

ARTICLE III.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this League shall be to encourage the formation of Young People's Societies in all congregations of the United Lutheran Church in America, to stimulate Christian activity, and to foster the spirit of loyalty to the Church through Education —Missions—Life Service.

A—Education—Bible Study. Topics—Reading Courses.

B—Missions—By the encouraging of the specific study of missions, and definite missionary work, by local, district and synodical Leagues.

C—Life Service—By directing the thought of the young people to the service of the Church, both as a vocation and as an avocation.

ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. Any Young People's Society of whatever name connected with a congregation or institution in the United Lutheran Church in America and all District and Synodical organizations whose membership shall have been recommended by the Executive Committee are entitled to Active Membership.

Section 2. Any Lutheran Young People's Society connected with a congregation or institution not affiliated with the United Lutheran Church in America shall be eligible to Associate Membership, and its delegates be entitled to all privileges, with the exception of holding office, or membership in the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V.—REPRESENTATION.

Each Society admitted to membership shall be entitled to one delegate, each District and each Synodical organization (where such Synodical organization is identical with a District organization) to three delegates, each State and each Synodical organization (where such organization is identical with a State organization) to ten delegates, in all conventions. Absent delegates shall be entitled to representation by duly accredited alternates.

ARTICLE VI.—MEETINGS.

Conventions shall be held biennially. The time and place may be determined by the convention or by the Executive Committee. If by the latter, at least three months' notice must be given all members.

ARTICLE VII.—QUORUM.

Thirty delegates shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII.—OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of this League shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a General Secretary, an Educational Secretary, a Missionary Secretary, a Life Service Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2. The duties of all the officers shall be such as usually are incident to their respective offices.

The General Secretary shall officiate at all conventions and shall have charge of the program arrangements, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

The General Secretary shall keep a complete record of all the Leagues and Societies in connection with this body; shall distribute literature giving particulars as to the organization of individual, District and Synodical organizations, and shall promote as far as possible the organization of the young people in the United Lutheran Church in America, performing this and all other duties as may be requested under the direction of and in conjunction with the Executive Committee. He shall have charge of all the correspondence of the League.

The Educational Secretary shall be the Chairman of the Literature Committee. He shall be the Editor of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and also of the Luther League Topics. He shall have charge of all the editorial work of the Luther League of America; prepare notices of the Luther League of America for the denominational press; provide for and publish tracts and special articles concerning the work of the Luther League of America, and examine all manuscripts, pamphlets, or printed books offered to the Luther League of America. In providing for the comments on the Topics both for the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and the Topics Quarterly, as well as other publications of the Luther League

of America, he may secure such assistance as this work may require, but he shall have supervision of all manuscripts thus prepared.

He shall at all times submit his plans and policies to the Literature Committee for approval and shall adapt his work to their counsel and direction.

He shall arrange a scheme of topics for each biennium with the assistance and approval of the Literature Committee, to be submitted for final adoption to the Executive Committee.

The Educational Secretary shall promote the use of the Luther League Reading Courses and arrange in such ways as he may deem best to secure for them the largest educational value. He shall arrange for the registration of candidates applying for diplomas; in case of examination in the Reading Courses all papers connected therewith shall pass through his hands; any diplomas published by the Luther League of America to those who have completed the courses shall be issued by him.

The revision of the Reading Courses shall be in his charge subject to the approval of the Literature Committee and endorsed by the Executive Committee.

At each convention of the Luther League of America he shall present a report of the work of the Educational Secretary and the Literature Committee, but before its presentation it shall be referred for approval to the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The Missionary Secretary shall encourage and assist in the study and practice of missions by individuals, Local, District and Synodical Leagues.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Life Service Secretary to secure from the ranks of the Luther League of America recruits for life service in the various departments of the church at home and abroad.

Section 5. None but duly accredited delegates shall be eligible to office.

Section 6. Officers, excepting the General Secretary, the Educational Secretary, the Missionary Secretary, and the Life Service Secretary, shall be elected by ballot at each convention, and shall serve until their successors are chosen.

The General Secretary, the Educational Secretary, the Missionary Secretary and the Life Service Secretary shall be elected by the Executive Committee and shall serve until their successors are chosen.

Section 7. Vacancies which may occur in the offices, except President and Vice-President, shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

Section 8. Should the Presidency become vacant, the First Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President for the unexpired term, and in the event of his inability to serve, the Second Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President.

Section 9. The officers of this organization, together with the members of all standing committees, shall be considered duly accredited delegates to every convention held during their term of office.

Article IX.—Committees.

Section 1. The following committees, excepting the Executive Committee, which is elective, together with their Chairman, shall be appointed by the President for a term of two years, viz.:

Section 2. An Executive Committee, consisting of all the officers and chairmen of all standing committees of the Luther League of America, the retiring President of the Luther League of America for a term of two years, together with eight members to be elected at large, four to be elected at each biennial convention for a term of four years.

The Chairman of the Committee on Associations of Young People of the United Lutheran Church in America shall be ex-officio a member of the Executive Committee.

All bills shall be presented to this committee and shall be paid by the Treasurer only upon order signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

They shall have power to execute ad-interim any business that may be deemed urgent and to consider matters for the welfare of the League.

They shall select the time and place of the convention when not otherwise provided for and make arrangements for the same. They also shall have power to receive and pass upon applications for membership, should they be presented ad-interim.

Section 3. A Literature Committee, which shall consist of seven members, including the Educational Secretary, whose duties shall be to arrange for the publication and distribution of the literature of the Luther League of America. They shall study the literary needs of the Luther League of America and determine how they may best be met, and shall form and execute plans to meet these needs.

The committee may be divided into subcommittees for special work, in which case the Educational Secretary shall be ex-officio a member of each committee.

No imprint of the Luther League of America, nor list of names in possession of either the committee or Secretary, shall be given out without the approval or sanction of this committee.

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MRS. SEASE

Introducing Myself.

THERE is no reason whatever for me to be your secretary, except that the call came, meaning another possible avenue of service is open. It isn't a matter of whether one wants to do the work, or even whether one feels capable. It is just that we believe God works through organized agencies and a call from His church is a call from Him. Then you see long ago as a 'teen age girl, I dedicated myself to His work of making His name known in all the world—or in other words, I became a student volunteer for missions. When one becomes a volunteer it is for life, and means one dedicates himself to serve wherever and whenever and however the Master calls him. Sometimes we feel that if God does not use us in His work overseas, He has no place for us at home. Have you ever read the story of "The Girl Who Volunteered to Stay at Home?" Some of us are like that girl. Let me tell you this in confidence. I always detested the idea of serving as secretary of anything and often as a young girl have prayed, "Please let me have the joy of active missionary work—of winning souls—but don't ask me to try to get others to do things—don't ask me to try to wake up a sleeping church at home!" And here am I, doing just what I didn't want to do. Why? Because He tells me to do it.

Why This Department?

See Constitution, Article Three—(Objects). "The objects of this League shall be to encourage the formation of Young People's Societies in all congregations of the United Lutheran Church in America, to stimulate Christian activity and foster the spirit of loyalty to the Church through Education—Missions—Life Service."

"To stimulate Christian activity in the Church through Missions." That is well put. What better way is there to stimulate Christian activity than by getting busy with the work which Christ commands us to do? It is a job, this work of preaching the gospel to "every creaure." This missionary task is a big one. It will stimulate any League that assumes its missionary responsibility. Yes, missions is the work that will stimulate the Church to Christian activity.

"To foster the spirit of loyalty to the Church through Missions." How can we be loyal to our church if we are not busy helping the Church fulfill her great objective of preaching to all men? How can we be loyal to the Head of the Church if we are not obedient to His teachings and His commands? Our Church has a big missionary program, which suffers because of the indifference of the majority of Church members. There is no better test of our loyalty to our Church than to ask ourselves whether we are doing our full duty in helping carry out the active missionary program of the Church.

So if you would be a live Luther League, you must be a missionary League. So, if you would be a loyal Luther League, you must be a missionary League.

Live Loyal Luther League=Missionary League.

How shall we "stimulate Christian activity and foster the spirit of loyalty in the Church through Missions?" (See Article Three, Objects—B—Missions).

How? "By the encouraging of the specific study of missions, and definite missionary work by local, district and synodical Leagues."

This is our platform clearly stated. Our program shall be a very simple one. We shall begin a campaign for more mission study all along the line. It will be a joy to help you become engaged in definite missionary work, those of you who are not now busy with definite work.

We feel we have a good foundation upon which to work, for many local Leagues are already doing fine missionary work. Some of our district and synodical Leagues have definite missionary programs and budgets. Our aim shall be to enlist 100 per cent. of our local, district and synodical Leagues in definite missionary work. We talk so much and do so little. We study and learn and then fail to give our missionary knowledge proper exercise. We need to do things. We must wake up, rub our eyes, look over the field, and see the opportunities for service right at our own doors. We must put on far-sighted glasses and see the work needed to be done a little farther away.

How about this for our

Missionary Policy?

1—A missionary secretary in every local League, district League, synodical League. (a) Duties of synodical missionary secretary shall be to keep in touch with plans outlined by general missionary secretary: to promote the missionary aims at synodical conventions by means of education programs, helpful conferences, model mission study classes, etc.; and keep in touch with district secretaries and outline plans of work for them. (b) Duties of district missionary secretary are the same in relation to the district as the synodical secretary is for the synodical League. (c) Duties of missionary secretary of the local League shall be to keep in touch with synodical missionary secretaries, to promote study and practice of missions in the local League, and be chairman of missionary committee.

2—Every local League shall aim to have a definite program of mission study, intercessory missionary prayer, missionary giving and missionary activity.

3—For our Standard of Excellence for local Leagues, we would aim to have twelve missionary programs rendered (in topics) at least one intensive mission study class during the year; monthly offerings for missions; some definite form of missionary activity.

4—Every district and synodical League include in its convention programs one or more sessions devoted to missions; a missionary address, missionary methods, a model mission study class, or provide missionary education in some way.

5—Our Luther Leagues send delegations to various summer schools of missions, cooperating in same whenever opportunity provides.

Your Missionary Secretary Wants to Know

How many local Leagues had mission study classes in 1922?

How many district Leagues had mission study classes in 1922?

How many synodical Leagues had missionary sessions at conventions in 1922?

How many local Leagues are making definite systematic offerings for missionary work?

How many district and synodical Leagues have made missionary budgets for next year?

How many local Leagues are engaged in some definite missionary program of work?

We want to know *all* about your missionary activities. Won't you please write and tell us. We have been searching through the "League News Items" in the Review and have found some interesting things about the missionary work of some of you. But it isn't all there—and we want to know it all. So please write to the Missionary Department.

Your Page

Do you want this page to be a success? Then you must make it a success. Do you hope to receive real help from it? Then you must do all you can to give help to others. How? Pass on to us all the helpful suggestions which you have for making your missionary program a success. Tell us about the mission work your society is doing. It may stimulate others to greater activity. Write us your problems.

What would you like to have on this page?

A question and answer corner?

Round table of missionary methods?

More helps for missionary programs?

Missionary games for your missionary socials?

Lists of missionary books?

News of missionary activities of other Leagues??

If you will tell us what you would like to have, then we'll be in a better position to try to give you the help you want.

Your monthly missionary programs—do you like them? We would like to know whether or not you find them helpful? Constructive criticism will always be welcomed.

Life Service Department

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business."

REV. C. A. PORTZ

Dear Fellow Leaguer:

We choose to greet you in a very informal manner as we introduce to you the Life Service Department of the REVIEW. This Department is one of the children most recently added to the REVIEW family. We trust that this child may prove itself to be one of the most healthy of the group, that it may likewise be one of the most helpful, —helpful in aiding all of us to have real joy in our lives at their best, which we believe is a worthy ambition in the being of every normal young person.

All of us have been given lives which must be lived. To live these lives happily is one of our greatest desires. The only place in which people disagree on this question is on the method of attaining this happiness, this joy of living. Among the methods there are finally but two—the right and wrong. Plainly those who pursue the wrong do not attain the desired goal. As paradoxical as it may seem, this is another one of those instances where we shall fail if we make that which we so much desire the end itself instead of the means to the end.

Multitudes following the wrong method are no different from a rich banker who was looking with envy on the pleasures some of his intimate friends were getting out of life. He could not solve that which was to him a mystery. He had always looked on keeping money and watching it grow as the highest type of joy-getting. Seeing others thriving and enjoying life under generous giving and helpful, unselfish living, he put the same principles to test by paying off a mortgage on a struggling mission as well as to pay for medical aid to some crippled persons. This banker *forgot himself* and his selfish designs by sinking himself in worth while and needy service. He now was learning the lesson that "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." While his own wealth was not decreased and his work not neglected, he made the discovery that he was one who was following the wrong road to happiness; but he learned also the right road—viz., after all the real pleasures in life are not in the abundance of the things which he possessed, but in the lives he had touched with brightness and uplift. By losing his life he was really finding it, and that which he once so upheld as a source of joy could not be compared with his newly discovered happiness of a life patterned after the life of Him who gave Himself so unstintingly in loving service to mankind. It is well therefore for us at the outset to recognize the fact that it is a rare privilege to lose ourselves in service and by no means a hardship.

Having been given a life to live, it is only reasonable to assume that every normal person has a yet greater ambition than mere happiness. Since a person must become something, exert some kind of influ-

ence, it would seem but justice to assume that most of us want to live life at its best and do our best. No person with an ounce of energy and good grace would choose a life of no import—rather a life at its best.

Such a life is a wonderful power in the life of the world. "Joy fills it; love possesses it; blessings follow it; men seek it." "It is forever calling men and women upward and onward to hgher achievement."

"Be noble and the nobleness which lies in others, sleeping but never dead, shall rise in majesty to meet thine own."

True happiness—a life at its best—certainly worthy ambitions which should challenge the attention of every one.

True happiness, attained through a life lost in service for fellow man. A life at its best only if it is functioning in the sphere of activity for which God created it.

Let us look more closely at the two above suggested thoughts.

(1) A life lost in service for fellow man. And why should any professing Christian have any other thought? There can be but two reasons—the one being that the Christianity of some persons is a mere profession shorn of all the fruits of the true Christian, and the other is that Christianity to some persons is a matter of pure selfishness; it is to them a "fire escape." They see no connection whatever between Christianity and service. The piety of such persons does not "involve goodness, nor their faith justice, nor their worship humaneness. Their life with God has no connection with their daily relationships; it does not make them better home folk, friends, neighbors or citizens." They forget or never have learned to apply the advice given to Livingstone by an aged Scotchman: "Now, lad, make religion the everyday business of your life and not a thing of fits and starts."

Truly, in the eyes of Jesus, God was in the church, but He was no less in the midst of "needy, sinning, aspiring, failing humanity." True religion to Him was not professional piety. To Him *service* held a most central place. We need but recall the parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37), or again the more solemn utterance where the standing of the dead before the throne of God depended on whether they had fed the hungry, clothed the naked, given drink to the thirsty, visited and imprisoned and sick (Matt. 25:31-46). Again He said, "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28); "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant" (Matt. 23:11); "I am in the midst of you as he that serveth" (Luke 22:27).

There can be little use for any one to call himself a disciple of such a Master if he does not possess the spirit and know the meaning of service. "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work." Truly a life lost in service, one which found its happiness, its true joy in being a loyal Son of God. That is the program He gave to the twelve, to the seventy, and to every professing Christian now. Upon uniting with His Church we also accepted His program and pledged ourselves to it in its entirety. We cannot serve two masters, and he who is not for Him is against Him. We either keep our confirmation vow or we do not keep it. There is no neutral ground. If we are genuine disciples we recognize that God has a program for the reconstruction of the world and that to fellowship in this glorious task every disciple of Christ has been called; and in that fellowship we find our true road to genuine happiness.

(2) A life at its best. Plainly a life at its best must be working in the sphere of activities for which its God given faculties best fit it. Square pegs were not made for round holes. Undoubtedly one of the great causes of failures in this world is because of the numerous misfits, and these all too numerous misfits are due to the fact that fail to take God into consideration when choosing an occupation or life work. We fail to heed the advice of the World's Wise Man when he said, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not upon thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5, 6).

Is it reasonable to think that God would establish a great universe without the best of system and the most definite plans? If we look in Gen. 1:1-31 we learn that in the creation of heaven and earth God created all things with order and a very definite purpose. Would He then create man, the climax of all creation, and place him over all other creation, yet without definite plans and purpose in his life? Not likely!

Our only logical conclusion must be that every life has a definite plan in the mind of God and a definite work. That He expects to reconstruct the world without giving men talents to do this work would be folly. That many of us have talents for distinctively Christian work is a pertinent fact.

It will be the pleasure of this department to help young people see this fact as well as to show those who do not feel called to some form of distinctively Christian life work, that, whatever their occupation, it must count for God; that chosen work must represent the place where they can be of most service for God and His kingdom.

C. A. PORTZ.

Methods

THIS is election time in many—perhaps most—Luther Leagues. Put some new blood into the official force. The League can endure the mistakes of inexperience better than the efficiency of a few and the ignorance of the many.

If you have an officer who has learned everything that the League can teach, promote that officer to the emeritus-honorary class, and put in his place someone who has yet much to learn. That is the way the League serves each new generation.

If the old force possesses an officer who has learned very little, and done very little, but who wishes to remain in office because of the honor it confers, arrange to honor him, if it must be done at all, in some other and less expensive way. Give him a badge—and a back seat.

In selecting the new force, act on the theory that every officer has a definite work and will be expected to do it. In the British Government, some cabinet members are "without portfolio." But your League is not the British Government.

The Luther League is inconsistent when it is afraid of its younger members. As a rule, "under twenty" is better for the League than "over thirty." Young people get experience from their own blunders; from the wisdom of their elders they get only advice. And though both are important, everybody knows that experience puts it all over advice when something needs to be done.

If it seems best to keep some of the old officers, consider giving them a change of duties. The League is not meant to produce expert secretaries or specialists in any form of department activity; it is expected to give the church young Christians, who are as much at home at the serving of tables as at the speaker's table.

The League must not be satisfied with electing new officers, it must give the officers their equipment.

Two items of equipment the League dare not omit; a Program and a Budget—what to do and the wherewithal for the expense of doing it.

The program will naturally be an advance on last year's plans. The budget must be whatever is necessary to carry on the program.

Some people say you must cut your coat according to your cloth, which is absurd, since it might result in a little boy's coat for a big boy's shoulders. No, measure your boy—that is, your proper and necessary activities. Then get enough cloth to fit!

Every League, no matter what its circumstances, can raise all the money it needs, *for all the work it ought to do.*

SOME EXCELLENT LEAGUE POLICIES FOR 1923.

1. To conduct fifty-two interesting and helpful devotional meetings during the year.

2. To maintain a minimum attendance of not less than 75 per cent. upon all devotional and business meetings.

3. To have regular monthly business meetings with written reports from each officer and committee.

4. To supply the District Secretary with a correct list of officers.

5. To have the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW in every home represented in the League.

6. To have a net gain in active membership of 25 per cent. during the year.

7. To work in conjunction with the District in every respect in furthering League activity and to have 50 per cent. of Leaguers attending District meetings.

8. To aid the Sunday School in working "a school to suit the needs of the pupil."

9. To organize a Literary Circle to create interest in better reading by holding stated meetings to use the Luther League Reading Course.

10. To have a "social" once a month.

11. To organize a mission study class and stimulate interest in missions.

12. To have at least one volunteer for some definite Christian work.

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THE MONEY QUESTION

It's not what you'd do with a million,
If riches should e'er be your lot,
But what are you doing at present
With the dollar and a quarter you've got.

—Country Gentleman.

The Social Meeting

What Are the Duties of the Social Committee?

To create a social atmosphere at all meetings.

To welcome newcomers to the society.

To provide a homelike atmosphere in the devotional meetings.

To provide some social features at the close of the missionary meetings.

To arrange the socials and good times of the society.

To provide some recreation and wholesome amusement for the members.

To make some plans for social service, carrying good times to others.

To provide for the social betterment of the neighborhood.

Who Should Be on the Social Committee?

Persons who are "social," who have the ability to make people feel at home.

One who has the ability of preparing refreshments, another who understands the value of decorating and creating an atmosphere, another who is a good leader of games, at least one young man to suggest plans to keep the young men interested, and helpers who have a capacity for work.

What Are the Essential Parts of Every Social?

Invitations; decorations; games; refreshments.

A carefully prepared program.

A follow-up campaign, to enlist all present in the real work of the society.

Who Should Be Invited to the Socials?

All the young people of the church.

Special groups in the church, young people's classes in Sunday School, the choir, the Intermediates, the Juniors, other organizations of the church should be entertained at various times.

Frequently hold a congregational social, under the direction of the young people.

How to Invite People to Your Socials.

A general invitation from the platform is good, but not sufficient.

Send personal invitations.

Telephone to three members, ask each of them to telephone to three others, each of these three to telephone to three more, etc.

Have the social announced at your business meeting.

Put up a poster announcing the social.

Entertain special groups, and send them a written invitation.

What Are Some of the Important Features of a Successful Program?

Games in which all can take part.

Games in which everybody gets acquainted with everybody else.

Games that allow of moving around the room.

How to Close Your Socials.

Have a definite end to the evening; do not let the social dwindle down into nothing.

Do not allow little groups to form, and close by strolling off in twos and threes.

Gather around the piano, sing a few songs, and close with the Luther League Rally Hymn.

Let all start home together.

Let the memory of the good time everybody had at the last social be the best advertisement of your next social meeting.

Where Can You Find Games and Hints for Your Socials?

Get any of the following books from the Publication House:

"Games for Playground, Home, School and Gymnasium"—Bancroft.

"Play"—D'Angell.

"Ice-Breakers"—Geister.

"The Ice-Breaker Herself"—Geister.

"Good Times for Girls"—Moxcey.

"Phunology."

Save all the ideas for socials and parties from the magazines, *The Ladies' Home Journal*, etc. They give many good games, and a wealth of material to select from to plan your socials. Get twelve large, heavy manila envelopes, write the names of the months on these. Clip from the magazines all the ideas for socials you can find, and file them in these envelopes according to the months in which they can be used (Valentine, February; patriotic, July; outdoor, August, etc.)

Get Dennison's Party Books—they come for all seasons, and contain the newest and most original hints obtainable. They sell at 10 cents each. They also give hints on the use of crepe paper for decorations, invitations, favors and games, etc.

General Secretary's Letter

Dear Luther Leaguers:

Since my last letter it has been my privilege to attend the Conventions of the Connecticut, New Jersey, Virginia and Maryland Leagues. The last two named were organized as synodical bodies. I was also privileged to attend the meetings of the Allentown and Northwestern Districts and the Interdenominational Young People's Commission. The Virginia League has assumed a $2,000 benevolent budget.

You will note that in this issue of the REVIEW we open the three Departments as provided for in our objective—Education—Missions—Life Service.

The Educational Department will be under the direction of the General Secretary. The Rev. C. P. Harry will continue to provide the outlines in the Topics Booklet and the Rev. A. M. Huffman of Raleigh, N. C., will provide the Bible studies and topic writeups in the REVIEW.

On page two will be found listed the new Reading Courses which will be treated at length in the February REVIEW and suggestions made for their use.

The Missionary Department will be in charge of Mrs. Rosalyn Summer Sease, of Parlin, N. J., who has been writing our missionary topics.

The Life Service Department will be in charge of the Rev. C. A. Portz, of Cleveland, Ohio, who has made a thorough study of the subject.

The Rev. C. M. Teufel, of Woodlawn, Pa., will continue to conduct the Intermediate Department, and Miss Brenda Mehlhouse the Junior Department.

Those compiling programs for Synodical and State League conventions should arrange to have these leaders as speakers. They are volunteering their services until we can secure full time secretaries.

As per the action of the York convention the dues for the coming biennium will be twenty-five cents per capita per annum. This is an addition of ten cents per capita. A ten cent piece will buy a cigar or a soda, and it will help put over the program of the Luther League. A prompt remittance will be greatly appreciated.

There is still due on the Fort Wayne Pledge about eight hundred dollars. Can we not clean this up promptly?

As per the action of the York convention, beginning with the current issue the prices of the topics booklet will be increased as follows:

Single copies, 1 year,	$ .25
25 copies, 1 quarter	1.25
50 copies, 1 quarter	2.50
75 copies, 1 quarter	3.00
100 copies, 1 quarter	4.00
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25 copies, 1 year	$ 3.75
50 copies, 1 year	6.00
75 copies, 1 year	8.00
100 copies, 1 year	10.00

We have crossed the threshold of another year. The year 1922 is gone, never to return; its mistakes cannot be corrected, its triumphs and achievements cannot be marred. The year 1922 stands as the product of our work. But we do not face the past; we face the future. The year 1923 has arrived. New tasks await us; the hour that now is calls us.

May you have a blessed and prosperous New Year.

League-ally yours,

HARRY HODGES.

THE NEW YEAR

The New Year dawns!
What will the future bring?
I cannot see ahead;
A cloud hides everything,
And all is darkness dread.
O Jesus, grant that with each day
Thy voice I hear while Thou dost say:
"With Me the darkest hour is bright,—
I am the Light!"

The New Year calls,
But whither do I wend?
Must I through deserts waste,
Or tempting mounts ascend,
Or to death's valley haste?
Grant, Jesus, that at every step
My feet to Thy Word may be kept:
"Come, follow Me both night and day,—
I am the Way!"

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THE PERMANENCY OF THE LEAGUE'S MISSION

It has been said that the object of organization is to make organization unnecessary. The application of this statement to the young people's organization would imply that the young people's societies are to so develop within the Church the habit of caring for young people, and of providing work for them, and training them, that no organization for that purpose will longer be necessary.

There is perhaps some truth in this view of the purpose of organization. If the Church had always looked after the young people, it might not have been necessary to organize the young people. If the Church had always taught the Bible as it ought, would there have been any necessity for the Sunday School? We may go further. What necessity is there for the Church in its visible, organized form? If the home, which is a fundamental institution, had always been true to its divine Founder's idea—if the fathers and mothers had always been the spiritual priests it was their privilege to be, and if the Bible and righteousness had been taught and lived, and every man's neighbor loved as he loved himself, would the Church in its visible form have been necessary? Is it not the object of the Church, at least in large part, to produce these results in the human race? and if they had been realized through the institution of the family, what need would there have been for the Church? We need not stop to discuss this question. We find in the actual conditions of the human race and in the character of human nature wherever it is found, need for the work which the Church does, and do not the same conditions make necessary these organizations within the Church which have been developed during the history of that divine institution?

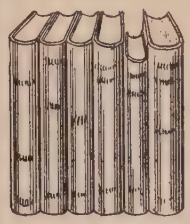
If there is in the conditions of human nature a necessity for the Church, then may we not believe that there is a necessity for these organizations in the Church that are doing the essential work of the Church? If there are conditions in the human race and in human nature that make the Church and its various agencies a necessity, then we may believe that, as long as these conditions exist, the Church will have a mission in the world. If the Church's mission is a permanent one, then we believe the young people's society in some form has likewise a permanent mission.

EDISON AND YOUNG MEN.

Thomas A. Edison has a set of questions he puts to young men in his plant who are candidates for positions "higher up." He finds the college men "amazingly ignorant." But such questionnaires as he has issued are likely to expose an ignorance of current events and of established facts that is not confined to those who have had a so-called "liberal education."

Chesterton lately lectured here on the ignorance of the educated, and he was right in pointing out how little we know. In spite of all the ponderous books that have been written, with the dizzying excursions into the realm of higher mathematics and abstruse philosophic speculation, he who starts out in any direction and keeps on going in the given line soon reaches the frontiers of human wisdom and beyond that feels his way where one can help him, "voyaging through strange seas of thought alone."

But our ignorance of common fact and common things is inexcusable. Our minds, inert and torpid and viscous, decline the effort. As the legend over Edison's laboratory door says, "A man will resort to almost any expedient to avoid the real labor of thinking." It is hard work to think. The rewards are paid to those who do not shirk the effort. For the results of the blind blunderings of those who do not think and do not know are costly.



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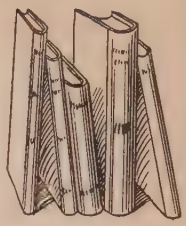

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READING THE NEW TESTAMENT THROUGH DURING THE YEAR 1923

(The Gospels will be read in Harmony.)

M., Jan. 1—Prologue to John's Gospel. Jn. 1:1-18.
T., Jan. 2—Preface and Angelic Annunciation to Zacharias. Lk. 1:1-25.
W., Jan. 3—The Angelic Annunciation to Mary. Lk. 1:26-56.
Th., Jan. 4—The Birth of John the Baptist. Lk. 1:57-80.
F., Jan. 5—Genealogy and Annunciation to Joseph. Mt. 1:1-25.
Sat., Jan. 6—The Birth of Jesus. Lk. 2:1-20.
S., Jan. 7—Circumcision and Presentation in Temple. Lk. 2:21-40.
M., Jan. 8—The Visit of the Wise Men. Mt. 2:1-12.
T., Jan. 9—Flight into Egypt and Return to Nazareth. Mt. 2:13-23.
W., Jan. 10—Jesus Attends the Passover. Lk. 2:41-52.
Th., Jan. 11—The Ministry of John the Baptist. Mt. 3:1-12.
F., Jan. 12—The Ministry of John the Baptist. Mk. 1:1-8.
Sat., Jan. 13—The Ministry of John the Baptist. Lk. 3:1-18.
S., Jan., 14—Baptism and Temptation of Jesus. Mt. 3:13-4:11.
M., Jan. 15—Baptism and Temptation of Jesus. Mk. 1:9-13.
T., Jan. 16—Baptism and Temptation of Jesus. Lk. 3:21-4:13.
W., Jan. 17—The Testimony of John the Baptist to Jesus. Jn. 1:19-34.
Th., Jan. 18—The First Disciples of Jesus. Jn. 1:35-51.
F., Jan. 19—The Marriage at Cana of Galilee. Jn. 2:1-12.
Sat., Jan. 20—The First Cleansing of the Temple. Jn. 2:13-25.
S. Jan. 21—Jesus and Nicodemus. Jn. 3:1-21.
M., Jan. 22—John again Testifies to Jesus. Jn. 3:22-36.
T., Jan. 23—Jesus and the Woman of Samaria. Jn. 4:1-42
W. Jan. 24—Imprisonment of John. Mt. 14:3-5; Mk. 6:17-20; Lk. 3:19-20.
Th., Jan. 25—Jesus at Cana Heals a Nobleman's Son. Jn. 4:43-54.
F., Jan. 26—Jesus First Rejection at Nazareth. Lk. 4:14-31.
Sat., Jan. 27—Four Disciples Called. Mt. 4:12-25.
S., Jan. 28—Four Disciples Called. Mk. 1:14-39.
M., Jan. 29—Four Disciples Called. Lk. 4:32-5:11.
T., Jan. 30—Christ Healing. Mt. 8:1-17.
W., Jan. 31—Christ Healing. Mk. 1:40-2:12.

Sexagesima Sunday. Feb. 4, 1923.

WHAT IS THE CHIEF VALUE OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE

1 Tim. 6:11-16.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—2 Tim. 2:22-24.
Tuesday—Heb. 12:1-4.
Wednesday—Eph. 6:10-18.
Thursday—Philippians, 2:1-8.
Friday—Philippians, 4:8-9.
Saturday—Galatians, 5:19-23.

Hints for Leaders.

The program for this meeting can be entirely about the League.

The history of the League from its infancy would be enlightening to many. Our General Secretary, Harry Hodges, will be glad, I am sure, to furnish or advise where to get material along this line. This historical discussion can be given local coloring by

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dealing with the history of the League in your county, city or state.

A question box will be an added feature to the program. Ask all Leaguers to bring some suggestion or question concerning the League. One may be appointed as leader, who shall read out the questions, etc., designating certain members to give short impromptu talks on thoughts assigned them, from the box.

Some will be willing to state what the League has meant to them. The League has borne fruit in every community.

The story of a League social and what the social side means to the young people of the church would be appropriate.

This meeting will not be complete without singing the Luther League Hymn. If you don't know the League Hymn turn to No. 578, in the Common Service Book, and learn it.

TOPIC.

The gospels tell us the life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. He is the perfect man. He is the One we are to follow. These truths are the foundation stones of Christianity.

The Epistles show us lives built on this foundation. The apostles wrote of applied Christianity. We love to read the facts of Christ's life. They are convincing. But we also like to compare notes with those who have lived these principles. Their successes and failures are helpful to us.

We are "men of God" when we declare ourselves believers in the Saviour. We are placed on a much higher plane when we are thus joined with God. This relationship is designated as "the priesthood of believers." Being "men of God" identifies us with the Church of Jesus Christ. The Church is the Champion of the faith. An arm of the Church is the Luther League.

Perfection does not follow with enrollment in the Church. The Church directs its members towards perfection in Christ. All parts of the Church are to assist in this one great task. The League has its field in keeping this truth before the young people.

Christian character is the chief end in all religious life. The first essential in character building is to know the danger signals. They are apparent if pointed out. The League indicates the pitfalls of life. A wise person will not venture farther than the warning. Many lives are lost because of taking chances.

All who flee are not cowards. A part of the warning is to turn away. Flee from "strifes of words." "A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger." Closed lips are sometimes the hardest blows that can be given. Withdraw from the companionship or conversation of men of corrupt minds.

There are two classes of people in the world—leaders and followers. The leaders are in the minority. The Church needs directors. This demand is growing every day. The League develops leadership of the right type and caliber. The division into leaders and followers can be many times subdivided. As for the leaders, there are good and bad, honest and deceitful ones, etc. There are guides on the right and wrong pathways of life. The task of the League is to develop pilots who can steer life's fleet into the harbor.

The other type is followers. There is no disgrace in being a learner. It is not easy to follow. To be a slacker is much easier. The endeavors of the League develop qualities for being good second men. It directs us to the greatest leader of men. Jesus Christ, the Master, has made the way easier for humanity. His life is exemplified as well as taught by the organizations of the young people.

Jesus did not fulfill His mission without opposition. If we are followers of Him, we cannot expect to finish our course without a similar fight. We are to be good fighters for the faith. There have been scraps and fights in the world. Some of the greatest wars in the past have been mere scraps in comparison with the battles that individuals have fought. "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

The soldier must keep his armour in repair. He must have it always in readiness. If he is placed on the ramparts, duty keeps him there. He must wait to be relieved by his officer. In this life, he is to be on guard until the coming of the Captain of his soul.

The League hoists the danger signals, directs the youth of the Church to the Saviour, who is the greatest leader, and prepares the soldier of Christ for life's battle.

Quinquagesima Sunday. Feb. 11, 1923.

A TESTIMONY PSALM

Psalm 145:1-21.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Psalm 146.	Thursday—Psalm 149.
Tuesday—Psalm 147.	Friday—Psalm 150.
Wednesday—Psalm 148.	Saturday—Psalm 34.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

Memory work is always valuable. Have the Psalm recited or read responsively as a part of the program and not as the Scripture lesson.

Have different members of the League to state which hymn they like best and why. The purpose of the organization is to get as many to talk and work as possible. Some will often express an opinion when they will not do anything else.

Hymn singing is one of the chief ways of expressing our testimony of God's goodness. There are two types of hymns in Christianity—subjective and objective. (Ex. subjective, "I lay my sins on Jesus;" objective, "Beautiful Saviour.") The Lutheran Church emphasizes the use of objective hymns. You may be able to get some one to explain fully the difference.

An explanation of the "Communion Service," or any other of the services of the Church, would be appropriate. There is a little volume called "An Explanation of the Common Service," which will be helpful.

Stories of Hymns will fit into such a program beautifully. In Hunton's "Favorite Hymns" are many stories of our famous and popular hymns.

The above mentioned books can be gotten from our own publication house.

TOPIC.

A majority of the Psalms are of praise. They were written from lives rich with experience. The writers had witnessed God's manifest glory in their own lives and those about them. David, the chief psalmist, tells us much of his own life in God's keeping through his writings. His psalms abound with the goodness of God.

The purpose of creation was to reveal God's glory. The thoughts, words and deeds of Christians should bring to the world the truths of God's majesty. His praises are sung not only by man, the crown of creation, but also by all creatures. Christ, when on His triumphant march, told the Pharisees that if the Disciples and multitudes did not declare his glory the stones themselves would cry out. (Luke 19:40.)

When one tells another what God has done for him he is fulfilling one great purpose of his life. This declaration is his witness of the Lord's love and wisdom. His witness is his testimony of what God has done for him. The Church of Jesus Christ from time to time has become so self-centered that it has neglected this one great phase of religious life. Many of the present day hymns are so subjective, they can hardly be called songs of praise. Very few of them reach the height of the Psalmist's testimony as is given in the Scripture lesson for study.

Sacred and profane history reveal God's fame. The past assures the reality of the Lord's presence History should convince the world that it should give testimony for the possession of the Almighty's Name. Each generation is only a part of the great processional of the world's proclaimers. The present proclamation of good tidings is filling the link in this generation. Those who follow will hold this day responsible for what is passed on.

God is known by His goodness and His providence. If He were to deal with humanity as it deserves life would be a sad plight. But He is "slow in anger and plenteous in mercy." He is good to all. He does not wait for man to respond. The rain and the sunshine is for all. People expect great things of Him and He does not disappoint them. It is often taught that the greatest manifestation of God's goodness is in keeping His creation alive. But that is not the most blessed revelation of His love to the world. (John 3:16.) His power and willingness to lift lost humanity into right relationship with His father reveals God's greatest goodness. This fact alone should loose the heart strings and swell the choruses of humanity in such a song that the ages will echo the strains for coming generations.

The Lord has a kingdom. His subjects do not look in the past for the greatness of that kingdom, as do all the false religions. The glory of God's kingdom is in the future. There is something yet in store for His followers. Not half has yet been told. This realm is an eternal one. It does not change with the different eras of the world. Time, space and

temporal activities do not affect it. The Church militant is the part of God's glorious kingdom on the earth. The Church triumphant is that kingdom in all its splendor and glory.

Christians should be different from the world. The world is constantly complaining about its troubles and hardships. The servant of the Lord sees the silver lining of every cloud and gives testimony to the glory of God for all the expressions of His goodness and providence, thereby revealing to the world the fame of His name and the majesty of His glorious kingdom.

First Sunday in Lent. Feb. 18, 1923.

HOW MIGHT $50,000 BE SPENT IN IMPROVING OUR COMMUNITY?

Gen. 4:9-15.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Isaiah 1:1-24.
Tuesday—Hosea 14.
Wednesday—Jonah 3.
Thursday—James 2.
Friday—James 5:1-11.
Saturday—Matt. 25:31-46.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

If there is any civic pride or interest among your Leaguers, this will be one of the livest programs of the year. A Christian citizen can see so many vital needs in his community.

Moral uplift, right government, child welfare, beautifying the city or community, etc., are subjects that are entire programs in themselves. The State Department is always glad to furnish statistics, facts and suggestions along any line you desire for the uplift or improvement of your town, city or community.

This may be a good time to have an outsider to speak as a part of the program. If you want to hear about the "community beautiful" have some member of the City Planning or Zoning Committee to speak to the League. If you prefer the moral uplift angle, the leaders of the Red Cross, Associated Charities, or Travelers' Aid are always glad to bring the facts of their work to the attention of the people, and especially the Church leaders.

Perhaps your Church needs a parish house. How will such a building serve the community? If the Church needs a community house, why cannot plans for securing one originate in the League?

Don't let this meeting close without coming to some definite conclusions for the good of the Church, Community or City.

An after thought can be to plan a League meeting to be held in a home for unfortunates that may be in your neighborhood.

The mission of the Church is to carry on the work which Jesus Christ began. It boasts of fulfilling that work, however, it often ends in pretense. Christ very positively felt and lived the principle of being His brother's keeper. He knew what it means to bear the burdens of His friends. He taught the rule of loving enemies. If a man was in need that was sufficient. He did not ask whether the one in distress was a member of the Jewish community or stood well in their eyes. (Ex. The Ten Lepers, Lk. 17:11-19.)

The Lutheran Church, to a great extent, has withheld herself from the community. She has been satisfied with the care of her own, to the neglect of the needy in the community. In many instances the Church of the Reformation has not been a part of the community life. She has not administered to many about her own doors.

The Church cannot influence its locality by refraining from the life of that locality. It cannot mold the life without mingling in it. The lump cannot be leavened if the meal and leaven are separated. The Church must be a part of the community. If it is a part of the community it will do its share of restoring work. This is a day of organization. The community itself is well organized. There are societies in every locality caring for all the different ills of humanity. Many of these groups are doing the work that Christ left for the Church. Since this is the condition, the Church should wade in and assist in the great work of leavening the community with the spirit and message of Jesus Christ, and not stand aloof and criticize. There is no other Church in all Christendom that has a clearer and more comforting message than the Lutheran Church. She is needed in the community life of every city, town or hamlet.

Fifty thousand dollars is not a very big sum these days. The world is dealing in millions. However, a community can count itself fortunate if it has the above amount to be spent in its midst. No two communities have the same needs. That which is urgent in one locality may already be provided for in another. One section may desire a home for the aged and infirm, while another is demanding a playground for the children. One community may be calling for a public library, while a neighboring one may be needing a free clinic.

When there is more than one urgent demand for the placing of a given sum to the most vital place in a community, the question that should settle where it should be spent is, "Is it serving humanity best there?" How often Christ comes to the individual or the community and is rejected for one cause or another. The Church is missing many blessings because it is neglecting the poor and needy of the community. The latter part of the poem, "The Master Is Coming," expresses the idea beautifully:

Then the Master stood before me, and His face was grave and fair.
"Three times today I have come to your door, and craved your pity and care;
Three times today you have sent me onward, uncared for, unhelped.
And the blessing you might have received is lost, and your chance to serve is fled."
"The poor you have always with you: they are ever in need of a friend.
And as often as ye give them food to eat, those gifts to your Master you lend.
Whenever you give them cold water, or whatever their needs may be,
You're aiding not only my little ones, but you're also helping me."

Second Sunday in Lent. February 25, 1923.

MISSIONARY SCHOOL BELLS

Educational Missions

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Romans 10:13-18.
Tuesday—2 Tim. 2:24-26.
Wednesday—Psalm 119:33-40.
Thursday—Proverb 8:1-21.
Friday—Isaiah 49:1-12.
Saturday—Matt. 28:19-20.

An outstanding feature of the mission field is the educational work. Schools for the children are an absolute necessity in every field. We agree readily enough that this is true in a field like Africa. But why do we need mission schools in Japan? This nation stands highest in literacy. And why in India, where the English government provides an educational system? It is true that Japan has a most complete system of education, but the tendency of the system is to secularize education absolutely. If we are to found a Christian Church in Japan, we must have Christian schools in which to train Christian leaders. The same is true of all our fields. Wherever we hope to plant the Cross we must provide Christian schools in which leaders may be trained. There is no more far reaching work than the educational work. The kindergartens open doors to homes. The missionary teacher gains access to new villages and homes. Thousands of little children get their first Christian contact in the school where they receive impressions and learn lessons that they never forget.

Miss Christenson of India tells us, "Boarding schools can be called the stars of hope in mission work. They are the one place where the young can escape all heathen influences. In them the Christian home is born." The missionary schools exert great influence. They help undermine superstitions and dispel prejudices. The same people who fiercely oppose public preaching are quite willing to send their children to school. The missionaries make no compromise however, for it is always understood that pupils in every mission school hear about Christ.

Higher schools and colleges have been most effective means of reaching the upper classes. We find sons and daughters of noblemen and officials, in some countries, the sons of princes, in our mission schools.

In addition to the regular schools in which children are taught, there are many special schools needed to provide training for native ministers, teachers, Bible women and various other types of native Christian workers. There are schools for the needy classes, the defectives, the outcasts, the unfortunates. There are technical schools and industrial schools, in fact, we shall find that it is necessary to have about as many types of schools on the mission field as here at home. The needs are just as

varied. The opportunities for educational mission work are unlimited.

India.—In all the fields of our Church, great stress has been placed on educational work. We now have in our India field about 880 elementary and secondary schools, with an attendance of nearly 30,000. Suppose we take a bird's-eye view of some of our educational work in India. Let us take a glance first at the school in the primitive village where a native teacher has gathered together a handful of children. In the larger towns we see the boarding schools, where the children come in daily living contact with the Christian missionary. Many of the boarding pupils are children from Christian families. Our mission in India is making an effort to establish higher elementary schools for boys in every station, to prepare them for high school. Why for boys and not for girls? We see as we peep into the schools in India that there are probably twice as many boys as girls for the poor little girls seldom get to the higher schools. They must marry at an early age.

We would like to visit some of our interesting boarding schools, among them *Luthergiri* (Hill of Luther), which "has served as a backbone in our mission work for many years;" *Central Girls' School*, which enrolls over 200 girls, and for which a number of scholarships are given by friends in America to enable the promising girls to become teachers; the *Central Boarding School* for boys, at Guntur; the *Girls' Boarding School* in Chirala, with 145 pupils; the *Samalpot Girls' Boarding School*, and others.

A report from India says: "Our boarding schools are full to overflowing. However, the numbers in them are woefully small compared with the number of Christians we have. It scarcely averages six per thousand. To provide the necessary workers for a great work and to raise the standard of intelligence and life among our Christians, many more need to be provided for in these schools."

Let us take a glance at several high schools—the *Bhimawaram High School* and *Girls' School*, the *Peddapur High School*, and o'hers. We would like to visit *Guntur College*, which registers 650 boys and young men in the several departments. Many graduates have gone out from Guntur to fill positions of responsibility and influence. The *Theological* and *Bible Training Institution* in Guntur trains our native pastors and catechists. The *Sylvanus Stall Girls' School* in Guntur enrolls 540 girls, 340 being boarding pupils. There are 128 students in the *Normal Training School*, these often being mothers and daughters, with many married students. An interesting and unique school is the *Bible Training School* for wives of future teachers and catechists, at Rajahmundry. In the *Bible Training School* for women, in Guntur, we find pupils ranging from young girls to middle aged Bible women from distant villages who have come to learn new Bible stories to tell. There are representatives of four castes in the senior class. We must not forget the *School for the Blind* at Rentchintala, where, in addition to the blind pupils, women are being trained to serve as teachers among the 600,000 blind in India.

Japan.—When we think of Japan, immediately there appears before our mind's eye the gay little cherry blossoms entering the doors of our Christian kindergartens. The aim of the Japan Continuation Committee is to have a kindergarten in connection with every church. There are now thriving kindergartens at *Saga, Karuma, Omuta* and *Hakata*. Miss Akard has had general oversight of this work, which has been most successful since it was begun, by Mrs. Lippard. We use native teachers. The kindergartens have proved to be invaluable entering wedges into homes which otherwise would have been closed to the missionary.

The story of *Kyushu Gakuin*, our school for boys in Kumamoto, Japan, is a remarkable one. There has never been a time when one-half of the applicants could be accommodated. We have turned away more boys than we have received into the institution. Why? Because we have not provided ample accommodations. There are at present about 600 boys enrolled. We have a very fine faculty of thirty members, which is neeessary if we compete with government schools. A number of the students have become Christians. A *Theological Seminary Department* has been maintained in connection with *Kyushu Gakuin*. It is absolutely necessary, if we are to continue our work in Japan, that we build a Theological Seminary to train our native ministry. Another urgent need is a school for girls. We have been depending on other schools to train our Christian girls. We must build our own school for girls.

Africa.—Rev. Mr. Larsen tells us that often the African says, when he brings his boy to the mission school: "I bring my boy to you that you may teach him book and plenty of sense."

At present our mission is caring for 100 girls and 190 boys in boarding schools. They are taken from the primary through as many grades as they are capable of passing. Some of them reach the eighth grade and then go on into the Normal Course. In the Boarding Schools much time and thought are given to the religious education of the children, and their industrial talents are also developed.

In the Day Schools we have about 150 pupils who are taught along religious lines as well as the three Rs. While we cannot hope to have as great influence over these children as over those who are in the Boarding Schools, still by taking the religious teaching into the towns daily, we feel that the entire community will be lifted more rapidly. When these children have reached the fourth grade, those who wish to go will be sent to a central boarding school for further training.

We would like to mention the schools at *Sanoghie*, at *Bethel* and at *Kpolopele* stations. At Bethel station there is a class conducted by the missionary for teachers and interpreters, and also night class for natives. The educational interest of the mission centers around *Muhlenberg Boys' School* and *Emma V. Day Girls' School*. The Boys' School is beautifully situated, on a bluff, overlooking the St. Paul's river. The boys are given eight months of instruction each year, beginning with April and ending with November. There are kindergarten classes, primary, first intermediate and grammar classes. The boys are trained to do useful work also, mention of which will be more fully made at our meeting in May.

At the E. V. Day School we find a large group of interesting girls, ranging in school age from tiny tots in the kindergarten to young women in the eighth grade. The missionaries live with the girls and direct them in their work. School is conducted from 7:10 to 10 a. m. and from 10:40 to 12, during most of the year. The girls are taught music, cooking, sewing, home nursing and all the useful things necessary to make them efficient housewives. Who can estimate the influence these Christian girls will have as they go back into their dark heathen villages?

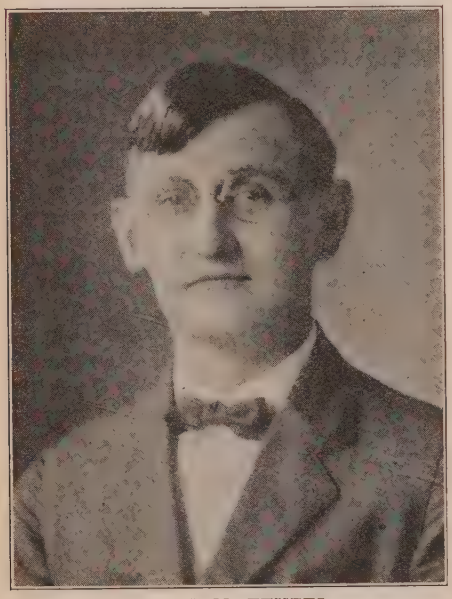
Although for many years there has been felt the need of a training school for native ministers, it is only in the last two years that such a school has been possible. Three students are pursuing a theological course at the present time. A partial Normal course is conducted each year for the benefit of those who have finished the eighth grade work and are acting as teachers at various stations. This is the nearest approach to higher education which has been made in our Mission. As soon as qualified teachers are secured, the plan is to introduce regular high school and advanced courses. Educational missionaries are needed for this field. Without doubt the hope of Africa lies in the children, and depends largely how soon and how thoroughly they are educated, mentally, industrially and spiritually.

South America.—Dr. Mueller, our missionary in Argentine, conducts a number of English classes, in which are students from eight to sixty years. There is a French class and a commercial department, where classes in shorthand and typewriting and bookkeeping are taught. Primary schools are being opened. Mrs. Anna H. Mueller reports three grade schools in Buenos Aires. Religion is taught in the schools.

In our station in British Guiana Rev. White, the only missionary, must supervise all the work. He finds time to conduct several outdoor weekday Sunday schools. however He has native catechists at work in several stations, and several school teachers are connected with the Mission, teaching in day schools.

West Indies.—Primary education is shamefully neglected in the West Indies. Even in Porto Rico, where Uncle Sam has spent millions to raise the educational standard, the local lawmakers have persisted in taking many backward steps, one of these recently enacted, makes the school age ten years. We will miss one of our greatest opportunities if we do not establish schools for little children that now are denied education. A day school opened by one of our pastors witnessed a remarkable scene at the opening session, when fathers and mothers, quitting work, crowded the chapel to the very doors, begging that their children be taken. In the Virgin Islands the public schools are sadly inadequate, and outside the work done in Lutheran kindergartens practically no effort is being made to care for smaller children.

Intermediate Department



REV. C. M. TEUFEL

FEBRUARY 4, 1923.

A VILLAGE WRESTLER

Rev. Charles M. Teufel.

Scripture Lesson—Eph. 6:10-12.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

Assign week before "Greenland's Icy Mountains" for memory singing at this meeting.

Prayer for New Converts in Mission fields.

Consult map of India—One is in text book, "India on the March."

Locate the United Lutheran Mission field.

What is the Satya Shadek Samaj Society of India? Our Foreign Mission Board, 18 E. Mt. Vernon Place, Baltimore, Md., ought to be able to tell.

At the rate of visiting a village a day, how long will it take to give the Gospel to the villages of India? See Topic.

Is providing athletic equipment for mission field a true aid?

THE TOPIC.

(The following article simply is an abridged account of this subject treated in "India on the March." The pages in paragraphs indicate those in this book.)

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT. The farming class in India is the strength of the people. These farmers are congregated largely in 720,000 villages.

THE WRESTLING MATCH. Wrestling is a popular sport in India. Appaji, the hero of our story, was a farmer of the Maratha class. Famed as a wrestler, he had retired from active participation. However, at a great fair a rival village put forth its champion. Appaji, though three years had passed since his last match, was put forward and won the match. His return to his native village was the time of great honors for him. (Pages 52, 53.)

THE WRESTLER'S USE OF HIS HONORS. Appaji might have received anything he asked for, but his interest in his people's welfare was such that, on the wave of his popularity, he took opportunity to appeal for better schooling for the children, and his choice of a missionary's school was adopted, though the Hindu objections were many. (Pages 53-55.)

THE WRESTLER VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WORLD WAR. (Pages 56-61.) The report of the World War reached Appaji's village. Out of love for England and India, though a man with a family, he volunteered. It was a great new life he entered. The ocean voyage created fear, which Appaji overcame. His war record was worthy, and in an act of great personal heroism that won a battle, he was wounded. He was sent home to recover.

THE WRESTLER'S SON, JAYAVUNT, ENTERS THE CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOOL. (Pages 61-63.) All this time Appaji and his family were Hindus. The son, Jayavunt, needed higher education. He was sent to the Christian Mission School, where in addition to a regular school course he came in contact with the Christian religion.

THE WRESTLER'S SON BECOMES A CHRISTIAN. (Pages 63-70.) It is urged by the writer that this section be very carefully presented to the intermediates. Jayavunt not only came in contact with the Christian religion, but he found Christ. He came to believe so fully in Christ that he decided to be baptized. This sounds easy for us to read and to do, but to Jayavunt it meant giving up father, mother, sister, relatives, home, and the scenes of his boyhood. This was true because all his relatives, being Hindus, would cast him off, and did so.

THE WRESTLER BECOMES A CHRISTIAN. (Pages 70-72.) Appaji felt very keenly his son's situation. besides, he had met persons in his war experiences who were Christians and who treated him kindly and cared for him in his injuries. He had studied the shortcomings of the Hindu faith. He had made some study of Christianity. For sometime he was a believer, but felt it unnecessary to confess his belief, but in the face of his son's noble courage Appaji saw at last the full meaning of believing in Jesus Christ. He, too, requested baptism, which meant leaving home and family, but reunion with Jayavunt.

THE WRESTLER'S FAMILY BECOME CHRISTIAN. (Pages 72-73.) For a time Appaji's wife tried to think of him as one dead, but love for husband and son decided her to join them. For awhile she tried to remain a Hindu, but finally the Spirit of God enabled her, too, to see the Christ as Saviour. Thus one by one, though suffering much for their faith, they were added to each other until the Christian circle was complete.

APPLICATION.

This story gives us an insight into Christian missionary work in India. It is the story of a wrestler's conversion. Our Scripture lesson calls our attention to the fact that we all are wrestlers. Can we like Appaji claim we are Christ's?

FEBRUARY 11, 1923.

THE PHYSICIAN

(Avocational Topic)

Rev. C. P. Swank.

Scripture Lesson—Mark 1:29-34.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

Assign the week before, "Saviour, Precious Saviour," for singing from memory at this meeting.

Prayer for Physicians and True Volunteers for the Profession.

Relate to topic, I Cor. 12:9, James 5:14, 15.

Sum up in Dr. Swank's article the proper qualities for a physician.

Have a Christian physician give a talk.

Get statistics as to number of physicians in Christian communities with non-Christian.

Secure for distribution the pamphlet, "The Great Physician," from the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau, 22-26 East Seventeenth street, New York City.

THE TOPIC.

The vocation of a physician offers a very commendable avenue of service. A few years ago, when the country suffered from the influenza, we all felt the great need of the physician. The physician also had the privilege of serving to his greatest capacity. No profession should be selected unless for the sole purpose of serving one's fellowmen. It is this privilege of service that makes the profession of physician so inviting.

THE NEED OF THE PHYSICIAN.

The people of the last generation have been taught to lean heavily upon the physician. Most people live in cities. There is a greater strain to their lives. They live under conditions that are often less sanitary than in the country. There is the crowded condition of the factory, office, and car; the night engagements and the general lack of good sleep and fresh air.

Then, too, there is not the use of home remedies which used to be employed for minor ailments. Most people do not have access to these home remedies, nor do they understand the use of them. It means they must go to the physician.

But if we need the physician, think of how badly he must be needed in mission lands, where people are ignorant and superstitious. There people do not know about sanitation. They do not know the uses of, nor do they possess even the most common remedies. Think of a mother having a sick child, and knowing no better than to toss it out on the ash pile to die in order to satisfy an angry spirit. Where a physician saves one life here, he might save many there. Nor do they know of the comforts and blessings of hospitals such as we have. If one is thinking of service for mankind, why not consider being a medical missionary?

THE KIND OF PHYSICIAN.

While physicians are needed, some are employed only because the right kind cannot be had. We need honest physicians. Those who deal honestly with their patients striving to serve them and not to get their money. A prominent surgeon, visiting many of the medical schools of our country, said that he was surprised to see how the ideals of the medical students changed between their freshman and senior years. Their first intentions seemed to have been good, but by the time they were ready to leave college they were counting money as the chief thing. No profession, regardless of how popular it may appear to be, can give a sweet satisfaction or be said to be truly a success if money be its chief object.

Physicians are needed who are honest in professional service; not trying to frighten their patients in order to make them think they are great; honest in explaining simple and helpful things. Many physicians are afraid to tell people that "aqua" is water, that sodium bicarbonate is common baking soda, and that sodium chloride is common salt. They couch medicines, advice and prescriptions in such a way as to make profit of the people's ignorance.

Above all else, we greatly need Christian Physicians. We would not care to associate with ungodly men, but sometimes we are compelled to entrust the health and life of a loved one to their care. Christian people long for a physician who makes his service a matter of prayer; who teaches his patients to believe and trust in God, not in him. 'Tis a great man who can take glory from himself and give it to God. Do you not think you would feel more comfortable in times of sickness if you knew your physician were a praying man?

A Christian physician will teach people the right relation of medicine to health. Many speak and often think as though the physician were the one who healed them. What a mistake! It is not even the medicine. It is God. The physician and the medicine are but agents of God. It is not the farmer who makes the apples. He digs about the trees, keeping harmful insects away, fertilizes, prunes and waters. It is nature that produces the fruit. So the physician, by the use of his wisdom, skill and medicine, is the agent in making conditions favorable for God through his own laws of nature to operate. All the medicine in the world cannot heal a wound. God does it through the laws of nature. Medicine is but an agent. We need the kind of physicians who will serve men and give God the glory.

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN.

There is One Who embodies all these qualifications and much more. It is Jesus the Great Physician. He came into the house and cured Peter's mother-in-law, who was very ill of fever. He cured a woman who but touched the hem of His garment. He healed the little son of a nobleman without even going to his house. No one ever came to him, with an ailment of body or mind, who believed in Him, but He healed them. But they had to believe to be healed. He served people everywhere, and really loved to do it. If we need a physician, why not employ Him first? Sin is the cause of our sickness and distress. To have the Great Physician is to prevent the sickness of sin, rather than to suffer the sorrows of its disease.

How we do love a man who selects a profession, and through it nobly serves the people! The life of a physician is a great opportunity. All, the patient and the physician, need The Great Physician.

FEBRUARY 18, 1923.

ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

Matt. 21:1-9.

Mrs. A. F. Keller.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

We refer the leader to Mrs. Keller's articles treating the topics. These will supply valuable hints in themselves.

We begin with these two articles the Lenten topics which will have a close connection, one with the other. A Passion history will be of assistance.

Keep in mind the review idea. Recall previous studies.

The writer of the topics believes the presentation of them will be most helpfully successful if superintendent acts as the leader and tells topic in story form, following, of course, the treatment, too, in the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. Assign bracketed suggestions a week in advance.

Use pictures, either 5 cent size for mounting, or 1 cent, for distribution. If large ones, mount them and leave hanging from meeting to meeting. If note book is used, small pictures may serve as illustrations. Have map in each book.

Note books cross-shaped, purple covered, suggested.

Order from Brown or Perry Picture Company Plockhorst's "Triumphal Entry," Da Vinci's "Last Supper."

THE TOPIC.

It was the week of the Passover, and many Jews were journeying toward the Holy City. They had come from Galilee and Peraea, enthsiastic pilgrims, to celebrate the Paschal Feast.

(Have someone tell briefly what the Passover was. Ex. 12:3-42, Lev. 3:4-8.)

Jesus and His Disciples had come, too. However, instead of going directly to Jerusalem they went to Bethany, where Jesus intended to spend a quiet Sabbath.

(Locate Bethany, little village on plateau in Mount of Olives, quiet. Tell of Jesus' custom of visiting here with friends; of Lazarus, of the two sisters.)

Many pilgrims and curious travelers had heard that Jesus was nearby and they, too, had gone to Bethany to see Him, and Lazarus, who was raised from the dead.

The day following the Sabbath was the day set for Jesus' entry. The time had come for Him to announce Himself as the Messiah and enter Jerusalem as King of the Jews. Jesus sent two disciples ahead to the village of Bethphage, where they were to procure the beast on which He was to ride.

(Have story told here using Biblical text.)

Meanwhile Jesus and those who followed from Bethany journeyed on foot over the well known road "from Jerusalem to Jericho."

(Point out road on map.)

Many campers and tenters were at Bethphage and learning that the disciples were getting the ass for Jesus, they followed them. Soon the news spread, "Jesus is coming!" In a few hours He might be expected to enter the city. The pilgrim strangers and especially His Galilean friends were eager to greet Him, and soon "a multitude went out from Jerusalem." The two processions met. Those excited folks from Jerusalem, bearing palm branches, raised their voices, shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David. Hosanna! Hosanna!"

Their enthusiasm was infectious and the party from Bethany put their garments on the ass and seated Jesus on it. So the happy singing procession advanced through the fig groves and gardens, breaking down branches as they went to spread before our Saviour.

And now when we might have expected Jesus to be glad, the party caught sight of Jerusalem, and we read "Jesus wept."

(Luke 19:41-44. Have story told.)

But the enthusiasm of the mob was undaunted. They were like the crowd that followed after the feeding of the five thousand. Their cries attracted men, women and children who asked: "Who is it?" The answer was not, "It is the Messiah," but "It is the prophet from Narazeth."

The excitement and commotion overcame Jerusalem and those in authority feared as they had the night when the Star appeared. The envious and jealous Scribes and Pharisees murmured. But, they could do nothing. On this day this Eastern mob, fickle and excitable, streamed before Jesus up to the Temple.

(Have events which occurred in Temple related —Matt. 21:12-16.)

In the evening Jesus returned to Bethany.

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FEBRUARY 25, 1923

THE LAST SUPPER

LUKE 22:19-30.

Mrs. A. F. Keller

(For Hints for Leaders—see Topic for Feb. 18.)

(Have high points of entry reviewed.)

Christ's entry into Jerusalem occurred on the first day of the week (Palm Sunday). Our topic for today, "The Last Supper," was celebrated a few days later. Many interesting things happened in the meantime.

(Give topical review of events during these days. Matt. 21:18-26:16. Simply outline and name happenings. Your purpose is to make connection between this and former topics and not to raise discussion.)

If we are to appreciate our topic we must understand some of the important characters. We all admit Judas plays a leading role.

(Have something told of Judas—his position, disposition, etc. Refer to Chapter 8 in "Life and Times of Jesus, the Meesiah"—Edersheim.)

Everyone was thinking about the Feast. All Israel was preparing. It is not an unexpected question, therefore, that the disciples put to Jesus when they asked where the Master would celebrate the Supper.

We have Jesus' answer in Luke 22:10-13.

(Read from Scripture.)

Peter and John obey and find all as Jesus told them.

Do you wonder how they knew whom to follow? To carry water was the task of women, and it was most unusual to find a man bearing a pitcher of water. Perhaps this one was the only man they met.

Do you wonder why they had so little difficulty in gaining a room? Perhaps when they reached the house they knew the host. Some tell us it was Mark. At any rate such hospitality was not uncommon in the East; and during the Passover week, especially, no Jew considered his house strictly his own, but rather a dwelling at the service of all.

The supper was celebrated in the night and it was probably evening before Jesus and His ten disciples (two had gone before) entered the City.

When they arrived the Supper was prepared—wine, bread, bitter herbs and the lamb—and they sat down to eat.

(Have table diagrammed, mention reclining position to indicate rest and safety.)

The Paschal Supper began by the head of the house speaking "thanksgiving" over the first cup. This cup was the wine mixed with water before it was tasted. Then followed the hand washing. It was probably in connection with this that Jesus washed the disciples feet.

(Read account in John 13.)

Then the Paschal Supper proceeded and we have the question as to who it was who should betray Him.

(Tell story of giving "sop.")

And then Judas went out and left the Paschal Table.

After Judas had gone Christ spoke to the eleven of His approaching death, the terrible crucifixion, and of His resurrection. We then come to the most solemn part of the evening. Here Jesus instituted the Lord's supper.

(Close your meeting reading the scriptural accounts in Luke 22:15-21; Mark 14:22-26.)

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FIFTY "DIFFERENT" MEETINGS FOR THE INTERMEDIATES

The "'teen agers" are always looking for something different, there must be constant variety in their meetings, and they enjoy special features and novelty in conducting the meeting. Try these:

1. A Leaderless Meeting. The programme is written on the blackboard and is followed closely. Some societies time each item.

2. A Chairless Meeting. As each one takes part, he is given a chair, and takes his seat.

3. A Monogram Meeting, the chairs being arranged in the form of the letters "L. L." Or, on a wet night, it gives a cozy impression to have the chairs arranged in a circle. They may be arranged in the shape of a fan, a cross, and so on.

4. A Solo Meeting, when nothing is done in concert, but every part of the programme is carried out by a single individual. Solos should also be sung, of course.

5. A Duet Meeting, when the chairs are arranged in pairs. When one member of a pair rises to take part, the other member must also rise and take part. The Scripture lesson should also be read by having each couple take a verse. Duets are in order.

6. A Trio Meeting is carried out in the same way as a duet meeting, but everything must be done in threes.

7. An Inverted Meeting. The leader conducts this meeting from the back of the room.

8. A Divided Meeting, the girls being seated on one side of the room, and the boys on the other. This meeting may be worked as a contest between the boys and girls, or they may simply take part alternately.

9. A Quartette Meeting, in which a quartette of boys or girls lead, and all that is done is done by four persons acting at once where this is possible, or one after the other.

10. A Favorite Hymn Meeting, each member selecting a hymn beforehand and giving it out in the meeting, at the same time telling one or two facts about the hymn or its author.

11. A Memory Meeting. No books are used in this meeting. Instead of reading the Scriptures, let the members quote from memory their favorite verses. Hymns may be sung from memory, too.

12. Absent Members' Meeting. Letters from absent members should be read. In securing these letters tell the absent members what the topic is, and ask them to answer definite questions.

13. Post Office Meeting. The members write letters on the topic to the president, and hand them to him before the meeting. Two or three members may read these letters during the meeting.

14. A Sealed Order Meeting. In this case the president or secretary gives to each member as he enters the room a slip of paper with a request on it to do a special thing during the meeting, to engage in prayer, to take part in the study of the topic, announce a hymn, and so forth. The success of this meeting lies, of course, in the willingness of every one to do what he is told.

15. A Biographical Meeting. The members will each come prepared to tell some of the main facts about some life that has inspired them. A brief biography of the authors of the hymns sung should also be given.

16. Question Box Meeting. At the close of one meeting, a question box should be opened, and the members should be requested to put questions into it. At the next meeting another opportunity for questions should be given. The pastor or some experienced worker should reply to these questions.

17. An Information Meeting. In this meeting each one is expected to give one fact about the Luther League. The topic may be divided, some to speak on Luther League history, others on Luther League principles, others on League methods, and still others on League achievements. This meeting will be a spur to a closer study of the organization and its workings.

18. A Vacation Meeting. At the beginning of the season, it is well to have the Intermediates tell of their experiences during the summer. If the superintendent will write out a few questions and

hand them to different members, it will suggest thoughts, and bring out helpful ideas.

19. An Object Meeting. To this meeting each member is asked to bring some object and to draw one helpful lesson from it. In this case there will, of course, be a variety of objects.

20. A Church-Echo Meeting. The members may be asked to attend church in the forenoon, and make notes of the best part of the sermon. At the meeting they will give in their own words, telling how it impressed them. If the words of a hymn have impressed one, of course, he will tell of that.

21. A Bible Promise Meeting. The members are asked to find some of the great promises of the Bible and repeat them in the meeting, adding a few words of their own. Others will tell how the promises of God are fulfilled, others of promises fulfilled in their own experience.

22. A Beginners' Meeting. This will be a fine opportunity to get near the beginners and encourage them to do something, however little. An older member may be assigned to each beginner to help him, and if this member precedes the beginner in the meeting, the new member will be strengthened by his interest and presence.

23. A Chain Meeting. As each one takes part he is permitted to call on some one else to follow him. This means that each one must come prepared to do something.

24. A Pleasant Memory Meeting. The members are asked to come prepared to relate one pleasant memory. Letters from absent members and friends may be secured and read in the meeting.

25. A Candle Light Meeting. The members are supplied with candles, and as each person takes part, he lights his candle from the leader's candle, which stands in the centre of the table. A wooden stand with holes for the candles arranged in the shape of the name of the society may be provided in which to place the candles.

26. A Boys' Meeting. A special meeting for the boys, to which they bring their friends. A programme that touches on boys' interests should be prepared in advance, with a special speaker, one particularly interested in boys' work. Plan everything carefully and well.

27. A Girls' Meeting may be held at the same time in another room, with a girls' worker in charge. The two groups might join for closing exercises and an informal social hour.

28. A Standing Meeting. The members stand at the back of the hall, and as each one takes part, he walks to the front, and takes his seat.

29. A Staff Meeting. On single track roads the engineer of a train was at one time given a staff by the station-master, to show that the track was clear and that he had the right of way. In the staff meeing, a staff (a roll of cardboard will do), or a Bible is passed from one member to another, the one receiving the staff having the right of way, and taking part before he hands the staff to another.

30. A Home Meeting. Hold the meeting once in a while in different surroundings, the home of one of the members, on the porch, or lawn, or in the room of a shut-in, or in some institution or home. The programme should be carefully planned in advance.

31. A Sunrise Meeting, held at the same hour in the morning as the meeting is usually held at night, is attractive once in a while. An added attraction is a breakfast served in the church parlors after the meeting.

32. A Suggestion Meeting in which the members are expected not only to criticise the society, but to suggest one way to better it, or to outline some work that it might undertake.

33. A Song Meeting is always attractive. The songs of one author may be used, and the story connected with each may be told.

34. A Carnation Meeting. Each member is given a carnation as he comes into the hall, around the stem of which is outlined the part to be taken in the programme. Or the flowers may be handed out as the members take part.

35. A Fathers' Meeting. Some of the boys may not care to take part in this meeting, so the programme should be arranged to give the fathers their chance. If the superintendent will get in touch with a number of the boys' fathers and assign to them subjects on which he wishes them to speak, the meeting will be a success. Special invitations should be sent to the fathers, of course.

36. A Missionary Campfire Meeting (when the topic for study is the Indians), as realistic as possible. Electric bulbs covered with red paper, and placed under a few fagots will make an excellent imitation of a fire. Plan the whole meeting carefully beforehand.

37. A Hospital Meeting, when the work of medical missionaries is described. If the girls present this topic, let them wear Red Cross garb.

38. A Missionary Quiz Meeting. A list of questions on the missionary lessons studied is prepared, the missionary activities of the church etc., and the meeting conducted like a spelling bee. Or one side may be given questions, and the other answers, and these must be matched up in the meeting.

39. A Missionary Reading Club Meeting, at which some missionary topic is studied, and a number of books of particular interest to Intermediates be started in circulation, each member pledging himself to the reading of a certain number within a given time.

40. A Proverb Meeting. Each Intermediate brings to this meeting two cards, on one of which is written a proverb, and on the other is pasted a picture illustrating the same. These are collected, mixed up, and passed out. Each one must first guess the proverb which the picture illustrated, and then get the card with the name from the other Intermediate holding it.

41. A Jack-o'-Lantern Meeting, in which lanterns with the Luther League letters, or emblem, are used. For an outdoor or porch meeting light the lanterns as the different parts of the programme are rendered. Might be used at a patriotic meeting for Fourth of July also.

42. A Convention Meeting, for the benefit of those who could not attend the district, State or national convention. This meeting should be in charge of the delegates to said convention (of course you send your Intermediates to conventions), and the music, theme, and every part of the topic should be carried out as far as possible. The convention spirit, with songs and yells, should play a part also.

43. A Wire Meeting, at which ten-word telegrams were written to the pastor who was on his vacation, was held by one society.

44. A Shower Meeting, where there was a shower of Bible verses, each member giving at least five favorite Bible verses, each one followed immediately by another. This is followed by a shower of gifts for a children's hospital, a departing missionary, or some other cause.

45. A Pause Meeting, in which pauses are conspicuous by their absence. A well-equipped committee, appointed several weeks in advance, will have a store of material to fill up every space where there is danger of being a pause.

46. A Singing Meeting, where the sole purpose is to give an opportunity to sing to their hearts' content. A good opportunity to teach new hymns.

47. A Debate Meeting, the topic being presented in the form of a debate.

48. A Motto Meeting, for the purpose of calling attention to the motto of the Luther League.

49. A Work Meeting, in which the pure joy of hard work is emphasized, especially the joy of working for Christ. Is good for the opening of the school year.

50. A Christmas Meeting, with all the traditional decorations, and the Christmas story told in Bible verses, picture and song. Appropriate meetings can be arranged for each holiday season.

Novel features can be arranged for each meeting in this way. Of course the regular Intermediate Luther League Topics are used, and these sub-titles are simply used to prevent stereotyped meetings, and to arouse curiosity as to just what will be done. *The Intermediate Manual*, Anderson.

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I went to the throne with quivering soul—
The old year was done.
"Dear Father, hast Thou a new leaf for me?
"I have spoiled this one."
He took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave me a new one, all unspotted,
And into my sad heart smiled,
"Do better now, My child."

Junior Department

BRENDA MEHLHOUSE

The following standard for Junior Leagues has been arranged:

A FIFTEEN POINT PROGRAM FOR JUNIOR LUTHER LEAGUES

1. Use of the Junior Luther League Topics (at least two-thirds of the year's topics used.
2. Daily Bible Reading (at least two-thirds of the members of your Junior League reading the Daily Bible Readings).
3. Church Attendance (one-half of the members in attendance at the main service at least three months).
4. An offering for missions.
5. A Junior delegate at the district or state convention.
6. Junior Reading Course circulated among the Juniors, read by at least one-third your membership.
7. An entertainment once a year given by the Juniors.
8. Junior superintendent reading at least one book a year on Junior work.
9. Life of Luther studied some time during the year in the Junior League.
10. Officers and committees selected from among the Juniors, and assisted with the work.
11. Specified memory work for the year learned by at least two-thirds active members.
12. At last two socials a year for the Juniors.
13. A 10 per cent. increase in membership during the year.
14. The Junior League advertised in the Church, through bulletin, bulletin board, or a poster.
15. Prayer by Juniors in the meeting.

Every League which during the year achieves 10 points on the above program, will be known as a *Standard* Junior League; every one that measures up to 13 points will be counted a *Star* Junior League, and those reaching 15 points will be classed as a *Banner* Junior League.

Let us all work to reach this standard. It is arranged that all may reach it. If you can achieve only five points, good, you have accomplished something. We know of several Leagues who already could pass all fifteen points, according to the work they have done in the past.

A District or State organization that has two-thirds of its Junior Leagues reaching ten points will be counted a Standard State (or District) Junior organization, if two-thirds of them reach thirteen points, they will become a Star State (or District) organization, and if two-thirds of their Junior organizations reach the fifteen point mark, they will be considered a Banner State (or District) Junior League.

Let us make this the goal of our efforts during 1923, and let every local Junior League strive to reach this standard.

Each item of the standard is herewith explained in a little more detail.

1. The list of Junior Topics for the first half of 1923 appeared in the December REVIEW, and elsewhere in this Department there is an explanation of the whole plan. Study it carefully. Plan to use the Junior Topics weekly. They are the foundation of the work. Two-thirds of the list gives you credit on Point 1.

2. At the head of each Topic appears Daily Bible Readings. Use these in your meetings, having them read each week by six Juniors, or get the Juniors to hunt up at home and read each morning the reading for the day.

3. See that your Juniors attend the church service. Appoint one of the older Juniors to keep a record of this. To gain point 3, at least half of your Juniors must be in attendance at church for at least three months. They need not go consecutive Sundays, but half of your Junior League must have attended church twenty-six times during the year.

4. Either take up an offering at each of the missionary meetings (these are placed in the Topic scheme once a month) and devote this to missionary work, or some time during the year have a missionary offering, for some definite, specific mission cause.

5. See that you have one of the Juniors attend your district or state convention, and have them make a report of it.

6. The following books have been selected as the Junior Reading Course for 1923:

Next Door Neighbors, Applegarth.
India Inklings, Applegarth.
African Adventurers, Mackenzie.
Graded Bible Stories, Mutch, Vol. 1 (ages 5-7).
Graded Bible Stories, Mutch, Vol. 2 (ages 7-10).
Graded Bible Stories, Mutch, Vol. 3 (ages 9-12).

The following have been retained from previous courses as a Supplemental Course, and the same credit will be given for reading them:

Missionary Stories for Little Folks (Junior), Applegarth.
Other People's Children, Seebach.
Tell Me a True Story, Mary Stewart.
Friday's Footprints, Applegarth.
Tell Me a Story of Jesus, Mary Stewart.
Firelight Stories, Bailey.
Martin of Mansfeld, Seebach.

Plans for securing these books, and for having them read by the Juniors will appear in a future issue.

7. At least once a year have a public meeting or entertainment by the Junior League, with recitations, exercises, musical numbers, and a short program showing the work of the Junior League. Programs for such an entertainment will be outlined likewise in a future number.

8. The Junior superintendent cannot work with-

out tools, and the following are suggested for her perusal:

The Way of Salvation in the Lutheran Church, Gerberding.
Bible Teachings, Stump.
Stories and Story-Telling, St. John.
The Missionary Education of Juniors, Hutton.
Pictures in Religious Education.
Dramatization of Bible Stories, Miller.

Any one will count as credit on Point 8.

9. Some time during the year, arrange some lesson on Luther in your Junior League. The reading of "Martin of Mansfeld" will help in this work, and the children can be asked to write stories on the life of Luther. Let us make November 10, in our Junior Leagues, a Children's Reformation Day, and celebrate Luther's Birthday.

10. Train the Juniors to conduct their own meetings, and therefore select from among your members three to serve as president, secretary and treasurer, and help them with their respective duties. Likewise appoint a Program Committee to help arrange the programs for the meeting; a social committee to assist the superintendent with the socials, and a missionary committee to help with the missionary meetings. In this way the children are trained for work, and the problem of securing leaders when they reach the Senior society will be an easy one.

11. Each week in the body of the Topic there is suggested some memory work which the Juniors are to learn—for January, the verses concerning the Christian soldier's armor: for February some familiar verses used in a Bible drill, etc. Have the Juniors learn these, they may do this at home. Two-thirds of your Juniors knowing these verses gives you credit on Point 11.

12. It is easy to arrange a social or "party" for the children, and this helps stimulate the work of the Junior League. A Valentine social, a picnic, a Hallowe'en social, or a Christmas party are suggestions. At least two a year constitutes the twelfth point.

13. Make plans for increasing your membership at least a ten per cent. increase over last year.

14. See that everybody knows about the Junior League. Keep it to the fore so that all the congregation knows what you are doing by having notices of the meeting appear in the church bulletin, post notices of your meeting on the bulletin board, and somewhere in a conspicuous place each week put a poster announcing the meeting. Suggestions are given with each topic for a chart to illustrate and advertise that meeting, some of the Juniors can make these.

15. Develop the spiritual life of the children. Sentence prayers read in each of your meetings, by the Juniors, or one of the Juniors reading a prayer, or leading in prayer at each meeting, is the requirement of Point 15.

Some of these points can be reached at once. Others can be worked for and attained in a short time. Still others will take the year to finish. What Junior League will be the first to write and report that they have reached ten points? thirteen points? fifteen points? A list of those attaining the points will be published.

Preserve this page for reference, for it will be alluded to from time to time. The program for work for the year is largely based upon it, and plans for carrying it out will largely fill this page.

THE JUNIOR TOPICS

The Topics are written in such form that ample material is given to the superintendent from which to arrange an interesting meeting. Each superintendent can choose what best suits her needs, there will as a rule not be time to use all the material.

The Topics are written in paragraph form, so that the parts may be clipped and given to the Juniors to present in the meeting. Appoint a leader from among the Juniors to take charge of the topic each week. Have this leader call for the various parts of the topic. Have one of the Juniors give the Bible lesson, have another of the older Juniors give a Bible drill, let one of the assistants take charge of the memory work and the picture study. The leader might give the object lesson, and the Bible stories, hero stories and practical lesson stories are to be given as called for by the Juniors. By following this plan, training your Junior officers to preside over the opening and closing exercises and advertising each meeting as suggested in the poster hints, and following with some hand-work, and some recreation as planned in the topic, you cannot fail to have interesting meetings.

The missionary topic each month is based on the Junior book, "The Wonderland of India," which can be procured for 45 cents, paper cover, and 60 cents, cloth bound.

The other topics for February are on the general theme of Unselfishness. Junior workers of note have been asked to prepare these topics as listed in the December REVIEW. The Lesson Stories for the February topics have been prepared by Mrs. M. Haller Frey, chairman of the York District Juniors, and the Bible Readings have been arranged for the first six months by Chas. W. Fuhr.

FEBRUARY 4, 1923.

EVERY DAY INDIA—"KING JESUS COMES"

(Missionary)

POSTER. On a sheet of white cardboard paste some of the India people mentioned in the hand-work suggestions in the missionary lesson for January. (Make these of heavy brown wrapping paper, and dress them in cheesecloth in bright colors. Have a high-caste man, a Brahman, an out-caste, a bride and a widow.) Print in large red letters on the card, "Come to Junior League on ———, at ———, and hear stories about the spread of the Gospel in India."

SONG. "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun," or "We've a story to tell to the nations."

SCRIPTURE LESSON. Psalm 67 recited in concert.

PRAYER. For our missionaries in India. Put up chart in room during this series of lessons on India with the pictures and names of all our Lutheran missionaries in India.

ROLL CALL. Answered by verses containing the word "Salvation."

INTRODUCTION TO LESSON. Questions asked by leader, thoughts for Juniors to answer. What difference would it make in America if we did not have Christianity? (Get a Junior to draw on the blackboard the things one finds in a Christian land, churches, hospitals, libraries, good homes, schools, etc. Then have one after another erased as you picture a heathen village, asking each time if you would find that in a heathen village. Emphasize the fact that it is knowing Jesus makes the difference.) What happens when the Gospel comes to a heathen country, does it make any change? Tell how wonderful things are happening today in India, and will continue to happen as Christianity spreads.

SONG. Tell It Out Among the Nations.

OFFERING. For our mission work in India.

LESSON STORIES. Chapter 3 of "The Wonderland of India." Some Wonderful Happenings. The story should be told by the leader. The following outline may also be used in picturing the spread of the Gospel in India.

1. The coming of Christianity to India. Apostle Thomas, 5th century missionaries, Xavier, Ziegenbalg and Carey.
2. How the missionaries work, preaching, teaching, hospital work, farming, translating.
3. Work for the boys and girls of India, the high-caste, the out-caste, mass movements.

(All this the superintendent can find in the book.)

HAND-WORK. String together on ribbons Sunday school lesson cards or colored post cards, pasting a piece of plain white paper on them for a verse of Scripture to be written on by the missionary. Have the small ones, Group 1, do this.

Have the older Juniors, Group 2, make a collection of things introduced into India by Christianity; farming implements, trains, trolleys, automobiles, etc. Gather these from the advertising columns of the magazines, mount on cardboard, putting strips of cardboard for support to stand up.

Have this group also write in their note books facts about the lesson and paste in pictures of Ziegenbalg and other missionaries, cut from the missionary magazines.

PLAY OR RECREATION. Have the children dramatize or "act on" the "Mass Movement" scene in chapter three. One Junior represents the missionary, the others the villagers, they clamor for baptism, giving the reasons stated in the story.

CLOSING EXERCISES. Prayer. Hymn, "O, Zion, Haste."

FEBRUARY 11, 1923

CHOOSING SIDES

POSTERS. To advertise this meeting, cut from one of the current magazines pictures of children playing in the snow, pulling their sleds, etc., paste these on a white card, and in large green letters print: "Through February's ice and snow, to the Junior Meeting go," and in the corner of the card, print the title of the meeting, and the time.

Or, as it is near Lincoln's Birthday, make a patriotic card, with Lincoln's picture in the centre, and with decorations of red, white and blue cut from crepe paper napkins, and print in large red and blue letters: "Lincoln Chose the Right. Come and Learn About 'Choosing Sides' at Junior League on Saturday at 3."

OPENING EXERCISES. Hymn, roll-call, minutes, offering, prayer.

BIBLE LESSON. A Boy Who Might Have Lived in a Palace—Moses. God often works great things in a strange way. He often gives us hard questions to decide, and makes us choose between two things in order to help along His work. It was just such a choice as this that Moses had to make. You all know about the tiny baby hidden in the boat among the rushes, and about the princess who found him. As soon as he was old enough the princess had him brought to the palace and he lived there as the king's own son. Everything he wanted was his; riches, fine clothes, a good education, a prince's lot was his. But was he satisfied? While he was thus favored and the Egyptians became richer and richer, he saw his own people, the Hebrews, oppressed, slaves, subject to the Egyptians, cruelly treated by them. Moses was not at peace. He had a choice to make, he had to "choose sides." Was he to continue in rich pleasures, and see his own people suffer, or was he to choose to follow the God of his people, and do what he could for them? Moses makes the choice. (Have Junior read Exodus 2:11-12.) Of course, when Pharaoh heard of this he was very angry. (Have another Junior read verse 15), and Moses had to flee. But God was leading him, and because he did choose sides and stood on the right side, God make him the leader of the Hebrew people.

OBJECT LESSON. (Note. With a simple, everyday object, the leader can often bring home the force of the Topic in a striking way to the Juniors. Have a cabinet, a small box will do, and in it keep a number of common objects, and use these for a short talk to illustrate the topics. Many others in addition to those suggested in these little outlines will occur to the leader.) Objects, a piece of blotter and a bottle of ink, a flower. A piece of blotting paper if it is rolled together and the end of it just touch to the bottle of ink will draw up the ink, and the whole piece of paper will soon be black. (Leader should roll up a strip of the paper and put the end in the bottle of ink, and let the paper absorb the ink.) Just so, selfishness will grow in us. If boys and girls let one selfish thought after another steal into their hearts, or do one selfish act after another, soon they will be selfish all over, that is, they will be selfish in everything they do, and everybody will see that they are selfish, just as we saw the piece of blotter soon become black. Selfishness acts just that way upon us, it steals upon us, until our whole life is colored and spoiled by it. Let us look at the flower. It chooses to take in the bright sunshine, and the air, and the light, and the rain, it lifts up its head to receive these, and a beautiful blossom that gives pleasure to all is the result. Just like that unselfishness grows. By kind deeds, happy thoughts, helping others, cheerful words and willing hands, we grow into unselfish boys and girls. When we are thinking today of choosing sides, which will we be, selfish, or unselfish, sharing your joys with others?

BIBLE DRILL. Try Bible Sharp-shooting. Pass out Bibles to each Junior, and then call out a series of Bible passages. The Junior first to find each as it is called rises and reads the same. A slip is given to the one first finding the verse and reading it, and the object is to see who can secure the most slips.

Here are some familiar verses which you can call for: John 3:16, Luke 2:20, Mark 16:15, Matt. 19:14, John 12:24, Ecc. 9:10, Psalm 46:1, Psalm 119:105, John 10:16, Matt. 25:40, Matt. 9:38, John 6:47, Psalm 95:1, Matt. 5:16, Gen. 1:1, Psalm 67:1, Gal. 3:11, Psalm 1:1.

Do this at each of the February meetings, and in this way not only familiarize the children with using their Bibles, but fix the location of these passages in the child's mind, so that when John 3:16 is mentioned, they will at once know what it is, etc.

For home work have the children memorize these verses during February.

LESSON STORIES

1. A CHURCH HERO. John Henry Harpster—This man who did so much for the Lutheran Church in India, was born in a humble home in Pennsylvania. He spent his youthful days playing around his father's shop, with the boys of the village. No one for a moment dreamed what an eventful and distinguished future was before him. John attended the village school, showed no more, certainly no less, interest in his school work than many another school mate.

TRAINING. After fighting in the Civil War, at its close he was soon back at his books and getting ready for his life's work. He found this work in a call to India when he was twenty-seven years old, with a brilliant war record that made him popular everywhere.

He won favor wherever he went with his gifts as a public speaker, which were of a high order and his prospects were bright for a noble and useful career in his own country. What an opportunity he had to become a great man, but when this unusually gifted young man heard of the great need in India he chose sides with the great Captain and said, "Here am I, send me."

Best things first—True greatness, after all, lies in service and the best things in a boy or girl's life are the things we do for others. We must choose for ourselves, our life work.

2. PRACTICAL STORIES. Juniors "choosing sides."

As Juniors, we are asked almost every day to choose sides between right and wrong. In simple ways we are training for the greater things of life. It is much easier to sit and read a favorite story than to run errands for mother. And who would not rather play a game of marbles than mind wee sister or brother while mother attends to her duties. But right here is a chance to choose sides—which will win out, selfishness or love? This training will make strong men and women out of boys and girls and when a great test comes we will be strong and meet it with a smile.

School life often affords splendid opportunities to show us just how strong or how weak we are. Every day brings small decisions to be made between right and wrong, to serve ourselves or others. Our lives will expand and grow rich in beauty and love when we think of others instead of always thinking of ourselves. When we are tempted to be weak we can always find strength in the examples of those who have had severe tests yet who always choose to help others. Jesus, Himself, chose to leave Heaven to come down to live and die that all might be saved.

Martin Luther chose to stand up for the right when every thing seemed against him. What would the world be today if Jesus had been thinking only of Himself when the test came? Where would our free schools and open Bibles be if Luther had thought of the hurt that might be his if he would yield to the powers of Rome?

Each boy and girl, as life opens out before them, will day by day be called to choose sides. Each victory won over self will store up strength in the great power house of will power, confidence and strength, and when great hard things come, can draw on that power house and find all that is required to do the noblest things in life.

PICTURE STORY. (Get Perry Picture No. 1421.) Abraham Lincoln was one who had to choose sides. He had to choose between right and wrong, and he chose to stand for the right even when it was hard, and everybody seemed to be against him. With war, not between this country and another nation, but between parts of the country itself, bound to come, he held out against all around him for what he believed to be right—that the black man should be free, that slavery was wrong—and he went right ahead.

Today America looks upon him as one of her greatest men, not only for the great things he really did, but most of all for his steadfast holding to the right against all wrongs, and his choosing sides with what seemed to be the losing side. Our picture shows one of the great statues erected in his memory, it shows him in all his ruggedness and vigor, but we need no statue to remind us of Abraham Lincoln and how his choosing sides for

the right saved this land from one of its greatest evils.

(Note for superintendents—It is our purpose to use one of the Perry Pictures each week as the basis of a short talk. These can be secured from the Perry Picture Co., Malden, Mass. A large one which the superintendent or Junior giving the talk can use can be secured for ten cents, or small one cent ones can be secured for each Junior. No order for less than fifty cents will be sent.)

MEMORY WORK. Make an Unselfishness Chart for February. (January's blue True Courage Chart can be removed, to be used again in review at the end of this series of lessons.) For the Unselfishness Chart cut from red cardboard a large heart and print on it each week in white ink memory verses as they are learned. Note that there will be five such charts, each one in one of the colors of Luther's Coat of Arms, and each one to be cut in the shape of one of the parts of the Luther League emblem. Make these and in June conduct a review of this memory work, adorning the wall with these five charts. Memorize these verses on Unselfishness and Selfishness: Matt. 22:39, Isaiah 56:11, I Cor. 10:24.

CLOSING EXERCISES. Lord's Prayer and Mizpah Benediction.

RECREATION. Play several ring games at the close of the meeting, and plan to give expression to the thought of the topic—unselfishness—by making valentines to be sent to the hospitals, or some sick members.

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FEBRUARY 18, 1923.

GIVING OTHERS FIRST CHOICE

POSTER. Red hearts and children cut from magazines, or Valentine decorations cut from roll of crepe paper pasted on a white card will advertise this meeting. Beneath the decorations print, "If you will come to our Junior meeting, we'll sure give you a *hearty* greeting."

OPENING EXERCISES. Hymn, roll call, minutes, offering, prayer.

BIBLE LESSON. A Man Who Gave His Nephew First Choice—Abraham. It is not always easy to do what our lesson today tells us to do, give others first choice, and do the things no one else wants to do. But many stories in our Bible show us men and women who did this.

Abraham did. He and his nephew Lot were traveling together back from Egypt where they had been during a famine. (Have Junior read Genesis 13:1, 2, 5, 6.) As was natural when there was not enough grass for all the cattle, and not enough water for them all, the shepherds and men who had charge of the cattle—for both Abraham and Lot had large flocks, and the Bible tells us Abraham was very rich in sheep and oxen and the things that were the riches of those days—should begin to quarrel (have Junior read Verse 7). Now Abraham being older, might have claimed everything for himself, and left Lot to get along as best he might. Did he do that? No, he did not want any quarreling over the matter even. (Have another Junior read Verses 8, 9.) More than that, he was willing to give Lot first choice. What a fine example for all of us—who like the best things ourselves. We learn afterward how Lot got into trouble because his choice led him into wicked cities, and how God approved Abraham's choice by showing him all the country round about where he went, and promising him that some day it should all be his. Let us be willing to give others first choice.

OBJECT LESSON. Objects—a sponge and a bottle of perfume. We have here today two objects which might well be called "Give" and "Take," for that is what they really do. The sponge, if it is dipped into a basin of water, will drink up the water, it will take up just as much as it can hold, until when it is held up it is three or four times as big as it was when it was dry, and the water will drip from it. But it will give nothing. Selfish boys and girls are exactly like that. They take all the blessings God has given them, this beautiful world we live in, the care and love of kind parents, the friends they have, school, good times, everything they enjoy, but they never think of giving out sunshine to others, of helping at home, in showing kindness to others. They think only of themselves, and getting all they can, they are selfish. On the other hand, this bottle of perfume is always giving. Do the flowers that go to make up the perfume in the first place ever hold back their sweet odor? What if the rose or the lily-of-the-valley would say, "we are not going to give you any of our fragrance," when you leaned over the flower-bed to smell them, and there was no sweet perfume? And so the bottle of perfume, when the cork is taken off the bottle, fills the room with a sweet odor. It is sweet and pleasant, and gives pleasure to us all.

BIBLE DRILL. Repeat the Bible Sharp-shooting Drill explained in last week's program.

1. LESSON STORIES. *A Church Hero Story*—I will tell you a story of a man who went to India to tell the story of Jesus to the brown people of that country when no one else wanted to go. His name was John Christian Heyer and he was born in Germany. As his father and mother were godly people, they of course trained their boy John in the doctrines of the church.

When he was thirteen years old his parents sent him to this country to live with an uncle in Philadelphia. When he was seventeen years old he decided to become a minister. He did much good for the church here in this country but in the year 1841 was called to his work in India. He served two terms in that country. When he was seventy-seven years old he attended a ministerial meeting at Reading where he pleaded with them to send a young man to work in that great mission field.

There was no one who wanted to go and Father Heyer, as he was then called, took his grip in his hand and announced that he was ready, at once, to go to India and stay there until a young man could be sent out to take his place. He was one of God's noble men.

Mental powers and brilliant talents didn't make this hero great, nor will these talents make any one great today. Sacrificing for others was the great secret and is so still. He had a world vision of service and he got to work and accomplished great things. He always put himself second, others first.

2. SOME BIBLE STORIES ON GIVING OTHERS THE BEST. How like the great Master! Jesus was not ashamed to serve. What a lesson of love and kindness He taught when He washed the tired, hot feet of His disciples and dried them with his own hands. How He went out doing loving things, not for those only who loved Him, but for His enemies as well.

What can we do to show that we, also, would serve others? That we don't want to be selfish and think only of ourselves? When Mary, the sister of Lazarus, wanted to prove to the Master who had so lovingly brought back her brother from the dead, she gave all she had, an alabaster box, filled with precious perfume, her dearest treasure and that sweet fragrance still floats down through two thousand years and fills us with its loveliness.

But Father Heyer had no box of alabaster, nor costly perfume, to show his love, so what did he give? Something far more precious—his own life—and the sweetness of that life fills and thrills us today as we study it.

Every boy and girl is full of great possibilities. Who knows what the future holds for us? Let us make good and wise use of all our opportunities. Sacrifice the things that seem good but can't endure. Sacrifice self if it humbles some one else.

Sacrifice time if in so doing you can help a school mate or a companion. Give your all to the great Captain, saying, "Here am I, use me wherever you need me." Few will be great in the eyes of the world but the Master knows how we play the game. He serves best who serves others.

PICTURE STORY. Perry Pecture No. 474. Girl with an Apple. This picture of a bright faced little girl with a large apple which she seems to be holding rather tightly can teach us a lesson. We can imagine two things as we look at the picture. Either the little girl is a generous little girl and will share her apple, or she is a selfish little girl and has picked out the best for herself and will keep it all. I hope she is the first. Unselfishness can be shown in even such little things as an apple. When mother comes from market or the store with a basket of apples do we run and pick out the very nicest for ourselves, or do we give others first choice? Do we think of small brother or sister? Boys and girls who are selfish over little things grow up into selfish, stingy men and women, and those who are unselfish and thoughtful of others, giving first choice, grow up into unselfish, happy persons, spreading joy and happiness everywhere.

MEMORY WORK. Add these verses to the Unselfishness Chart, 2 Cor. 5:15; Phil. 2:4; Phil. 2:21.

HAND WORK. Start Lenten booklets. Let the children make the covers of lavender cardboard, decorate them appropriately as each chooses, and make the pages inside of white paper. On each

page paste a small Perry Picture—the one cent size, showing scenes of the Passion of our Saviour, starting with The Last Supper, and using The Agony in the Garden, Ecco Homo, Christ Before Pilate, The Cross-Bearer, The Crucifixion, and ending with one of the Easter pictures. Teach children a verse to go with each of these, and have them print same under each picture.

CLOSING EXERCISES. Lord's Prayer, and Mizpah Benediction.

RECREATION. Teach the Juniors to devote the recreational period during Lent to helping others, instead of having good times themselves, and in this period make scrap-books to be sent to the children's hospital, or simple garments to be sent to the orphan home, or dress dolls.

FEBRUARY 25, 1923.

OPEN HANDS

POSTER. It is good not always to tell all about the meeting when you advertise it. Arouse the children's curiosity now and then.

For this meeting draw with crayon on a white card a large clock (or cut clock from white paper and paste on grey cardboard), fixing the hands at 3 o'clock, and below print the following verse: ,

On Saturday afternoon exactly at three
Come to the church and you will see
About what Junior League is going to be.

Or a big question mark on a card, and the jingle

Aren't you anxious to know what
Our next Junior meeting will be about?
Well—come on Saturday and find out!

OPENING EXERCISES. Hymn, roll call, minutes, offering, prayer.

BIBLE LESSON. The Woman Who Gave Her All. Great rich men were passing in and out of the Temple. The Lord Jesus was sitting there, watching all as they came and went. As they passed by, they dropped their gifts into the treasury. Large offerings were put in, for those that were rich cast in much. (Have Junior read Mark 12:41.) At last there came a poor widow. Would she drop in anything? Perhaps she was too poor to give anything. Yes, she drops in her offering, too. (Have Junior read verse 42.) Her offering was the smallest of all coins. Then Jesus called His disciples, and tells them about these gifts, and He tells them which was the greatest. Was it one of the richest men who had dropped in the most? No—(have Junior read verse 43). The poor widow—she had given the most? How could that be? She had dropped in the smallest coin of all! (Have another Junior read verse 43.) The poor widow had not given just a little part of what she had, like the rich man had done, but she had given her all, even her living, and so *her* gift was the largest of all.

OBJECT LESSON. Object, a small candle. Let us watch this little candle burn for a few moments. It gives light all around, lighting up dark places. What happens to the candle as it burns? It burns itself up, does it not? it burns and burns until finally there is nothing left. But is the candle wasted? What would we do without light in a dark place? Just so unselfish persons, willing to give their all, spend their lives in giving joy and happiness to others. They never think of themselves. They are not afraid of "using themselves up," of giving themselves in doing for others. They are never afraid of wearing themselves out for others. Like the widow in our Bible lesson today, like others we will hear about who were willing to give their all, the unselfish boy or girl will always give himself and spend herself in doing for others. A verse in our Bible tells us that we need never fear giving ourselves in being unselfish. The more we love others, the more we give to others, the more joy and love fills our own hearts, the more God will fill our lives. The verse says, "whosoever shall find his life. shall lose it, but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake, shall find it."

BIBLE DRILL. Have another Bible Sharpshooting Drill so that the Juniors become familiar with the verses as listed in the topic for Februarv 11 under Bible Drill.

LESSON STORIES

1. HERO STORIES. Some unselfish gifts—The greatest gift ever given to mankind is the wonderful gift of Jesus' love. We never grow weary of talking about it. It underlies all giving and runs like a golden thread through our lives, leading us on to better things and nobler actions. This one gift stands out supreme and through it hearts are touched to offer lesser gifts.

Paul, after finding Jesus, gave as his gift his great teachings. After his conversion he was ready to share his treasure with others. He suffered many trials and hardships so that others might know the love of Jesus.

How we love to learn about Dr. Anna S. Kugler who, one Sunday, about fifty years ago, heard a missionary talk to a Lutheran Sunday school. He told of the need of more missionaries. She was only a little brown eyed girl then, but she said. within her heart, "I'll go when I grow up." She never wavered from her resolution. As she grew to womanhood, she decided to become a medical missionary.

This wee, brown-eyed girl gave herself to the people of India and her gift has blessed and healed thousands of brown skinned people whom Jesus came to save.

Abraham Lincoln was martyred because he had a vision of love and service to his fellow men. His gift was his life, but today, a race of people who were in the bondage of ignorance and superstition then, have access to all the things that uplift and make life worth living.

The soldiers at Valley Forge gave their lives so that we, today, might be an independent nation. Many gifts have been given by great and noble people for the good of mankind. but we also have the opportunity to give.

2. WHAT CAN JUNIORS GIVE? What can we give? The widow, in the story, gave all she had. We are not asked to give everything but we are expected to give unselfishly. Open hands, spread out to help some one else, isn't that beautiful?

We can give time to help some one with hard lessons or with work that may seem hard. Helping some one always makes us happy. Try it.

Talent is a splendid gift to give. When asked to take part in a junior meeting how often we refuse when we know we can do it. Isn't that selfish? If you can sing, sing. If you can recite, do it! Give of yourself. Make it a habit to do the things asked of *you*. You grow by giving.

Give yourself but be sure that you are the kind of boy and girl other folks would enjoy. I know a wee three-year-old girlie who has endeared herself by singing, singing from morning to night. The words sometimes are strange and funny, and the melody is wrong from a musician's standpoint, but she imparts cheer and comfort and that is her gift. Do our lives impart cheer?

Give kind words and unselfish deeds. Sometimes the whole day is spoiled by a single hasty word. Great gifts are wonderful, noble—but little gifts of love and sunshine, how they brighten the day and lighten the burdens of those about us. Give your best for therein is the secret of all true giving.

PICTURE STORY. Perry Picture No. 520. Feeding Her Hens. This picture by Millet, the great French artist, who so loved to paint pictures of the poor peasant people of France, shows us a woman feeding her hens. It makes us think of the topic, for is not the woman in the picture giving to the hens gathered about her freely of the corn which fills her hands and a supply of which she has stored in her apron? With tender care and open hands she is looking after their wants.

It makes us think, too, of God's care, first of all, for all the animals and all His creatures in this world, and then for us. For does He not care for them all, and does He not shower down upon us with open hands blessings from above? If He cares for the birds and the animals, and looks after all their needs, does He not so much more care for us, and supply our needs?

And so we, of the great blessings He has given us, should give, too, to others, who need, freely, and with open hands.

MEMORY WORK. Add these verses to the Unselfishness Chart, and have children memorize: 2 Tim. 3-2; James 2:8.

HAND WORK. See suggestion under handwork in Topic for February 18, and use this plan, continuing the making of the books.

CLOSING EXERCISES. Lord's Prayer and Mizpah Benediction.

RECREATION. See Topic for February 18, under Recreation.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR JANUARY, 1923

ITEM Two in our Junior Fifteen Point Program calls for Daily Bible Readings. Here are appended

Daily Bible Readings for the January Topics (found in the December REVIEW.) Use them during January. Have the Juniors read them at home, and review them at each Junior meeting. Note that each week's Readings apply to the Topic to be studied, and that the first passage is a Memory Text, to be learned by the Junior. These are key verses.

Monday, Jan. 1—Memory text. I Corinthians 13:1.
Tuesday, Jan. 2—A Missionary Psalm. Psalm 96:1-13.
Wednesday, Jan. 3—Men of the East seek Jesus. St. Matt. 2:1, 2.
Thursday, Jan. 4—Simeon sees Jesus as the Saviour of the world. St. Luke 2:30-32.
Friday, Jan. 5—One way to send missionaries. St. Matt. 9:37, 38.
Saturday, Jan. 6—The world a great harvest field. St. John 4:35.
Sunday, Jan. 7—The Great Commission. St. Matt. 28:16-20.

Monday, Jan. 8—Memory text. I Cor. 13:2.
Tuesday, Jan. 9—God tells Joshua to stand for the right. Joshua 1:1-9.
Wednesday, Jan. 10—King David tells his son Solomon to stand for the right. I Chronicles 22:11-13.
Thursday, Jan. 11—Queen Esther stands up for her people. Esther 5:1-4.
Friday, Jan. 12—Jesus stands before Pilate. St. Matt. 27:11-14.
Saturday, Jan. 13—Christians to stand for their faith. I. Cor. 16:13.
Sunday, Jan. 14—How to stand for the right. Eph. 6:10-18.

Monday, Jan. 15—Memory text. I Cor. 13:3.
Tuesday, Jan. 16—Abram's courage in leaving home for God. Gen. 12:1-5.
Wednesday, Jan. 17—Abram's courage in sacrificing Isaac for God. Gen. 22:1-13.
Thursday, Jan. 18—The courage of Jesus in going to Jerusalem to die. St. Luke 9:51-53.
Friday, Jan. 19—Courage of Joseph of Arimathea in caring for the body of Jesus. St. Mark 15:42-46.
Saturday, Jan. 20—Peter and John obey God rather than men. Acts 4:18-21.
Sunday, Jan. 21—Why a true Christian has courage. I Timothy 1:7.

Monday, Jan. 22—Memory text. I Cor. 13:4.
Tuesday, Jan. 23—Daniel faces lions for his God. Daniel 6:16-23.
Wednesday, Jan. 24—Three Hebrews who face fire for their God. Daniel 3:19-25.
Thursday, Jan. 25—Elijah faces an angry king for God. I Kings. 17:1-4.
Friday, Jan. 26—Paul faces great dangers to preach the Gospel. II Cor. 11:23-30.
Saturday, Jan. 27—Blessings for those who "face lions." St. Matt. 5:10-12.
Sunday, Jan. 28—A great reward to those who are faithful. Rev. 3:5.

LUTHER LEAGUE CONSTITUTION.

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The committee, with the publisher of the Luther League of America, shall arrange for copyrights of publications. The use of any copyright of this organization by others may be granted by the Educational Secretary.

The necessary correspondence of this committee shall be conducted by the Educational Secretary.

The necessary expenses of this committee and of the Educational Secretary shall be borne by the Luther League of America; expenses other than necessary expenses must first be submitted to the Finance and Executive Committee for approval.

Section 4. A Junior Committee, consisting of five members whose duty it shall be to promote the Junior League work on the territory of this body.

Section 5. An Intermediate Committee consisting of five members whose duty it shall be to promote intermediate work on the territory of this body.

Section 6. A Finance Committee, consisting of five members, of which the Treasurer shall be Chairman, whose duties shall be such as relate to the finance of the League.

Section 7. A Credential Committee consisting of one member from each Synodical League in active membership, whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon all credentials of delegates and applications for membership.

Section 8. A Nominating Committee, consisting of one member from each Synodical League in active membership, who shall select the name of one candidate for each office. Additional candidates may be nominated on the floor of the convention.

Section 9. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 10. Any member of a local League connected with this organization may be appointed on a committee.

Section 11. The secretaries of all committees shall be required to furnish a copy of the minutes of each meeting to the General Secretary within ten days after the meeting.

ARTICLE X.—DUES.

The dues of this organization shall be on a per-membership basis. The approximate biennial expenses to be divided by the Senior membership and each Synodical League to be responsible for the dues of its membership.

The District League to be responsible where no Synodical League exists.

Either Synodical or District to be responsible to the Treasurer of the Luther League of America direct.

The Finance Committee shall approximate the biennial expense.

ARTICLE XI.—AMENDMENTS.

Any portion of this Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at any convention, provided, however, that such amendment be approved and ratified by the United Lutheran Church in America.

No amendment can be considered, however, unless submitted in writing and signed by fifteen delegates representing societies from at least three Synodical Leagues, nor can it be voted upon the day of its introduction.

NOTE.—Until the complete reorganization of the Luther League of America, the terms *synodical* and *state*, as used in this Constitution, are to be regarded as synonymous.

League News Items

SEND IN THE NEWS—The other Leagues want to know what YOU are doing. You want them to know of your activities. This department is a clearing house for ideas in entertainment and good works. If yours is not represented it is because we do not hear from you. All news items must be in the Editor's hands by the first of the month.

BOOK REVIEWS

The Rescue. Augustana Book Concern. Board cover, 30 cents. Two pleasing stories for children. The title story is a picturesque tale of Switzerland, and "His Mother's Only Son" is a story of a little orphan, with a good lesson.

The White House. A. Vollmar. Augustana Book Concern. Board cover, 30 cents. Three stories with rather obvious morals, but attractively told. The children will like the mystery surrounding the old lady of the White House.

Bread Upon the Waters. A. Vollmar. Augustana Book Concern. A book of Christmas stories which will delight the children. "A Door Unbolted" and "The Christmas Child," in addition to the title story, are interesting.

God's Ways Are Wonderful. Hoffman-Ireland Augustana Book Concern. A story of a band of gypsies and a boy stolen by them. Their adventures and the boy's return to his parents will prove a fascinating story for the boys and girls.

Our Father's Care. Augustana Book Concern. An attractively illustrated book of verses, stories and poems, for little children. There are pictures to interest the children, verses and prayers to be memorized, and interesting stories to be told by the parents. A good book for every home where there are small children.

Any of the above books are suitable to add to the children's library, or for gifts to the children.

Lesson Commentary for Sunday Schools of the Lutheran Church. Edited by Drs. Wiles, Hunton and Smith. Lutheran Publication House, Philadelphia, Pa. Price $1.75. The Commentary for 1923 is larger, better, more complete than ever, and no Sunday School teacher can afford to be without it.

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TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, Pa.,

September 14, 15, 16, 1922.

The twenty-ninth annual convention of the Luther League of Pennsylvania opened with devotional services by the Convention Chaplain, the Rev. C. P. Swank, of Philadelphia.

The first session was devoted to reports of officers and the various committees.

The President, Mr. F. C. Leupold, in his report, noted a renewal of activity in all parts of the State and a spirit of loyalty and co-operation everywhere that means much for the future of the work.

The Executive Secretary, Mr. M. Haller Frey, reported the financial condition of the organization to be in good shape, all dues to the Luther League of America up to date of the convention being paid and the special pledge of $350 having been met. He reported the statistics showing a gain of several thousand members. State officials had been in attendance at all district conventions and rallies. Fifteen issues of the State Bulletin, about 24,000 pieces in all, had been mimeographed and sent out from the Executive Secretary's office. Over a thousand pieces of mail matter had been handled. A mimeograph has been purchased. He concluded with a plea for the use of all Luther League literature by the local societies.

The report of the Executive Committee was given by Mr. D. A. Kommel. He reported three meetings of the Executive Committee, the continuation of the office of Executive Secretary, the arranging of the program for the State convention, and the considering of the problem of Junior work in its relation to other organizations.

The Extension Committee, through its Chairman, Mr. John Greiner, Jr., reported that efforts had been centered on keeping active all existing organizations rather than making plans for large extension. A survey of the field had been made showing that in nine districts there are about 500 congregations, 180 of which have no Young People's organization of any sort, 140 have societies not connected with the State organization, and 180 are affiliated with the Luther League of Pennsylvania. The districts each reported growth, and a suggestion was made by the Chairman that extension work be centralized in the office of the Executive Secretary.

The report of the Junior Committee was made by Mr. Charles W. Fuhr, Chairman. He reported increased interest and decided progress during the year. Philadelphia District has taken great strides, holding a training school for Junior leaders, and several Junior rallies, where the Juniors themselves presided. York District is progressing rapidly, holding Junior conventions conducted by the Juniors, under the supervision of the Junior Committee. Berks District is showing a lively interest, having the largest Junior League in the Luther League of America. B. M. C. District held a Junior convention in connection with their annual convention. Harrisburg District is developing the work. Pittsburgh always in the lead still holds the banner, with thirty-seven organizations, and about 1,200 Junior members within her bounds. By training the children a strong foundation is being laid for the Young People's work of the United Lutheran Church.

The Intermediate Committee reported, through its Chairman, the Rev. C. M. Teufel. Questionnaires had been sent out on team age work, and an effort made to affiliate all boy and girl organizations with the Intermediate Luther League. Intermediate conferences had been held with great success in the Pittsburgh District, and the work considered in open conference in other districts. The report was considered seriatim, and the following resolutions subsequently adopted: (1) That the Districts organize the boys and girls between twelve and sixteen into Intermediate Luther Leagues; (2) that each District hold conferences for Intermediates; (3) that the Intermediate Topics as contained in THE LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW be used by our Intermediate organizations; (4) that each District report to the State Chairman before December 1 the Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations within the Lutheran churches in their territory.

At the second session, held on Thursday afternoon, Mr. William H. Menges, ex-President of the Luther League of Pennsylvania, conducted a conference on "Past Accomplishments of the Luther League."

Mr. Harry Hodges, General Secretary of the Luther League of America, addressed the convention, extending greetings from that body, and stating that it was in the sections of the Church where the Luther League predominated that the strongest Lutheran consciousness exists, and pointing out that the Luther League is a missionary factor of the Church as well.

At the third session, Thursday evening, after special music by the choir of St. Paul's Church, which was a feature all through the convention, an address on "The Luther League at Work" was delivered by the Rev. A. R. Steck, D.D., of Carlisle, Pa., who pointed out the various ways in which the young people's society is at work in the congregation.

At the close of this session the delegates were tendered an informal reception in the church social rooms by the Philadelphia District Luther League.

The fourth session, Friday morning, was given over to two addresses, "Our Church in Operation," by the Rev. Charles M. Jacobs, D.D., and "Loyalty to the Local Congregation," by the Rev. William C. Schaeffer, D.D., of Allentown, Pa.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was presented at this session and adopted, as follows:

1. We desire to commend the various officers and committees for the excellency of their reports, for

their earnest, painstaking and efficient activities throughout the year, which is shown in the evident progress in every department of Luther League work.

2. We endorse the recommendation of the Extension Committee that the work of the Extension Committee be handled through the office of the Executive Secretary.

3. We recommend that the various district leagues give the Executive Secretary the earliest possible notice of their prospective meetings.

4. We recommend that, if possible, a survey be made of our churches to ascertain where Luther Leagues do not exist, and then to urge the organization of such societies.

5. We recommend the vigorous continuance of the Luther League in Junior work.

6. We recommend that all our Leagues be urgently requested to furnish accurate statistics to the proper officers and to do it promptly whenever requested.

7. We hereby express our appreciation of the efficient manner in which the State League Bulletin has been issued.

8. We appreciate the excellent condition of our finances and earnestly request all leagues to continue the good work.

9. We recommend that our heartiest thanks be extended to the Philadelphia District Leagues for the splendid program and fine arrangements for this convention; to the pastor, church council, league choir and members of this church for their most delightful arrangements for our comfort and entertainment.

10. Resolved, That we express to Miss Ethel M. Mosteller (the Secretary of the Philadelphia District Luther League), our joy over the life work she has chosen, and assure her that our prayers shall be offered most earnestly to the Throne of Grace, that she may be richly blessed and eminently successful in the service of our Lord and Saviour.

11. We hereby express our deep sorrow over the death of Mr. James E. McKay, an able member of the Extension Committee, and Miss Virginia Boyer, our former missionary to India. We recommend that at a suitable time in this convention prayer be offered to our Heavenly Father, who in His wisdom has taken unto Himself these faithful servants, to implore Him most devoutly to send forth more laborers into His vineyard.

The Executive Committee presented the following resolutions, which were considered item by item:

Item 1. Whereas, the Executive Committee of the Luther League of Pennsylvania has been informed concerning the action of a joint committee representing the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church and the Luther League of America, together with the Committee on Co-ordination of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church, according to which all Junior work with children under fourteen years of age is to be placed under the jurisdiction of a committee of six, and

Whereas, This action has been adopted by the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church, and whereas, such action would legislate out of our control many active Junior Luther Leagues, which have been an important part of our organization, therefore, be it

Resolved, first, That it is the judgment of the Executive Committee of the Luther League of Pennsylvania, that such action, even though passed with the consent of the representatives of the Luther League of America, is a violation of the constitution of the Luther League of America, and as such is not binding in any way upon the Luther League of America.

Item 2. Resolved, second, That until the Luther League of Pennsylvania and the Luther League of America shall have changed in a regular way their respective constitutions, we proceed in the usual way in the presentation of our Junior work.

Item 3. Resolved, third, That all Junior Luther League superintendents in the Luther League of Pennsylvania shall be informed of this action of the Executive Committee of the Luther League of Pennsylvania, with the earnest request that they continue their work with even greater zeal.

These resolutions were considered seriatim, adopted item by item, and the resolutions then adopted as a whole.

At the fifth session the convention was divided for simultaneous conferences, the following being held: Conference for Pastors, by Rev. A. C. Schenk, of Philadelphia; Conference for Local Committee Work, by Miss Wilda Wallower, of Harrisburg, Pa.

At the sixth session, a splendid address on "The Inner Mission Work of the Parish" was delivered by the Rev. F. K. Fretz, Ph.D., of Easton, Pa.

Saturday morning, at the seventh session, the Rev. E. P. H. Pfatteicher, D.D., of Reading, Pa., discoursed on "The Luther League and the Vestry."

Mr. John Greiner, Jr., of Scranton, gave an interesting talk on "Am I an Asset or a Liability," which was followed by open discussion.

The ninth session, Saturday afternoon, was a Junior convention, conducted by Miss Brenda Mehlhouse and Mrs. A. F. Keller, which was very interesting and inspiring. The meeting was presided over by the Junior officers. The service consisted of songs, address of welcome, response, greetings from various State League Executives, and readings, recitations, etc., by the Juniors. About 250 Juniors attended.

The ninth session was the Grand Rally, and was held in Lulu Temple. A banquet, which was very enjoyable, was followed by a song service. A pageant given by the Luther Leagues of Philadelphia, and written by one of its members, entitled "Would It Have Been Like This," which portrayed what a Luther League might have been like in the stirring days of Martin Luther, the Revolution, or the days of the Civil War, was much enjoyed.

This was followed by an address on "The Call of the United Lutheran Church to Its Young People," by the Rev. Prof. John C. Seegers, D.D.

After announcements the closing service was held, and the twenty-ninth annual convention of the Luther League of Pennsylvania was history.

During the convention greetings and inspiration was brought by a number of visitors.

The Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, President of the Pacific Coast Theological Seminary, was present.

Mr. Edgar W. Holden, of Greenleaf, Kans., President of the Kansas League, extended greetings from that organization.

Miss Mabel Locker spoke a few words on the Christian Workers' Training School, showing the need for trained leaders today.

Miss Evangeline Lazarus, from Madras, India, now a student in England, was presented to the convention, and spoke briefly on conditions at the present time in India.

Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Lippard, missionaries to Japan, now on furlough, were introduced and spoke of the work in Japan.

Mr. Miller, of Seattle, Wash., a former Pittsburgh District Leaguer, extended greetings from the Pacific Coast League.

During the convention a very impressive prayer service was conducted by the Chaplain in memory of Miss Virginia Boyer and Mr. James E. McKay.

Note was taken of the fact that Miss Ethel Mosteller, the Secretary of the Philadelphia District, had entered the Baltimore Deaconess Motherhouse for Training, preparatory to engaging in kindergarten work in Japan.

The Credential Committee reported the following enrollment of delegates: State officers, 11: District delegates, 36: local delegates, 127: Junior delegates, 7; visitors, 60, a grand total of 241.

The following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year: President, Mr. Francis C. Leupold; Vice President, Mr. M. Haller Frey; Secretary, Mrs. William Nace; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Anna E. Parker; Treasurer, Mr. M. D. White; Statistician, Mr. E. E. Stauffer. The same were installed into office during the convention by the Rev. L. C. Manges, of Harrisburg.

An invitation to hold the 1923 convention in Ridgeway, Pa., was received and unanimously accepted.

PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA

The Philadelphia District Luther League held their annual Presidents' dinner in St. Luke's Church on November 13. The after-dinner speaker was Mr. Harry Hodges, General Secretary of the Luther League of America, who spoke on "The League's New Objective—Education, Missions, Life Service," and who graphically outlined concrete working plans for the local leagues in each of these three lines. Greetings were also brought by the Pennsylvania State President, Mr. Francis C. Leupold. A business meeting was afterward held in which organization for the year's work was effected, plans made for a Monthly Bulletin, intensive extension work, and an enlarging field of activity.

YORK DISTRICT

The York District Luther League met for their twenty-eighth annual convention on November 9 in St. Paul's Church, York Haven, Pa. At the morning session the reports of officers and committees and

business was in order, and a conference on Committee Work was conducted by Mr. Enos Eberly, Vice President of the District.

At the afternoon session a conference, "Preparation by Seniors for Junior Leadership" was conducted by Sister Harriet Franklin, of Memorial Church, Harrisburg. An address, "The Future Possibilities of the Luther League," by Rev. W. E. Brown, York, Pa.; a roundtable on "Inner Mission Work," led by Mr. Lester F. Bahn, and an address, "Our Loyalty to Christ's Commands," by Rev. George E. Bowersox, of Shrewsbury, Pa., completed the afternoon session.

The evening session was featured by special music, the installation of the newly elected officers, and an address, "The Luther League and Congregational Service," by the Rev. A. F. Keller, of Philadelphia.

ALLENTOWN DISTRICT

The Allentown District Luther League held their twenty-seventh annual convention on Thursday, November 16, in St. Joseph's Church. The theme of the convention was, "Our Luther League Topics, Essence, Methods of Study, and Aims." At the afternoon session routine business was transacted, and the addresses on "The Essence" and the "Methods of Study" were given by the Rev. G. F. Gehr, D.D., and Mr. Francis Leupold. At the evening session the speaker was Mr. Harry Hodges, General Secretary of the Luther League of America, who spoke on "The Aims of the Topics."

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

The fifty-seventh convention of the Northeastern District of the Luther League of Pennsylvania was held on November 17, in Holy Trinity Church. The morning session was devoted to business, reports of delegates to the state and national conventions, and to an address on "Topics and Reading Courses as Factors in Educating Our Young People," by Mr. Walter Banker, President of the Luther League of America. At the afternoon session there was discussed "Bible Study as a Factor in Educating Our Young People," by the Rev. John C. Mattes; an address by Mr. Harry Hodges, who also conducted a roundtable conference, and routine business was transacted. The speaker at the evening session was the Rev. J. C. Seegers. D.D., who spoke on "The Call of the United Lutheran Church to Its Young People."

MONACA

Some time back the Girls' Intermediate Luther League, of Monaca, Pa., of which Miss Mildred McCreary is the successful superintendent, were hostess to the Girls' Intermediate Luther League of Woodlawn, Pa. Over forty girls were present. The entertainers, with camping memories still lingering, gave snatches of their camp fun which just naturally created a bubbling-over atmosphere. The mutual games were heartily entered into and the refreshments aplenty ended an evening all to short. Autos carried the visiting Leaguers to their homes.

On Saturday afternoon and evening, November 4, the Pittsburgh District Intermediate Work Committee carried out its third branch conference for the Intermediates, at Christ Lutheran Church, East Liberty, Pittsburgh, Pa., of which the Rev. John I. Shaud is pastor. It was expected to be a "humdinger," as Pastor Shaud wished, and when the results were totaled anticipations were realized. The Intermediate Conference team in this instance were the pastor loci. the Rev. F. W. Richter, Rev. H. F. Obenauf and Rev. Charles M. Teufel. The Intermediates, representing four churches of Branch No. 7, this district, however, were the conference. Their participation was most acceptable, and it is thought the Intermediate idea struck a responsive chord. The supervised play period between sessions supplied the "get-together" opportunity. This District Committee hopes to hold such a conference in every branch of the district, and it finds the Intermediate conference program of the National Committee adaptable.

At the recent Pittsburgh District Luther League convention, held at Duquesne, Pa., the Intermediate work was presented in open convention by District Chairman Rev. Charles M. Teufel. By request the same material used at the national convention was presented in this conference, and several of those who heard its presentation before were the ones most pleased with its second presentation. This is in accord with facts. The more one is in contact with the Intermediate idea and possibilities the more one realizes the wonderful field the boys and girls between twelve and sixteen are.

SIXTIETH CONVENTION OF THE PITSBURGH DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE.

Duquesne, Pa., November 16.

The sixtieth convention of the Pittsburgh District Luther League was held on Thursday, November 16, 1922, in First Church, Duquesne, Pa., Rev. H. F. Obenauf, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Etna, Pa., Chaplain.

Reports from various officers and committee chairmen showed considerable improvement in our District work.

Applications were received from the following Leagues for membership in the District:

Senior League, First Church, Beaver Falls, Pa.
Senior League, St. Luke's Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Junior League, St. Luke's Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

These Leagues were received by a unanimous vote of the convention.

During the morning session an Intermediate conference was conducted by Rev. C. M. Teufel.

Also during the afternoon session, a conference on "Senior Work and Workers," by Mr. Joseph L. Dean, Monongahela, Pa., was conducted and the various phases of this work discussed.

Reports were also received from our delegates to the state and national conventions, also the Junior delegate to the national convention.

During the convention a National Literature Fund was started for the purpose of creating Junior literature, $110 being subscribed by various leagues and individuals.

The evening address was given by Dr. Lewis C. Manges, pastor Memorial Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, Pa., on "Young People and Life Service."

The following officers were re-elected for the coming year:

President, Mr. D. A. Kommel, Rochester, Pa.
Vice President, Mr. John H. Rupp, Wellsville, Ohio.
Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Parker, Beaver Falls, Pa.
Secretary, Hildegarde Schmid, Wilkinsburg, Pa.
Statistician, Helen Dyer, Bellevue, Pa.

Also delegates to the state convention to be held in 1923 were elected as follows:

Rev. R. W. Doty, Rochester, Pa.
Miss Hildegarde Schmid, Wilkinsburg, Pa.
Miss Kornman (Marv), Freedom, Pa.
Mr. Lawrence Schaeffer, Brick Church, Pa.
Miss Ella R. Kuhn, Duquesne, Pa.

With the following as alternates:

Miss Frances Grell, Monongahela, Pa.
Mr. S. R. Reed, Wellsville, Ohio.
Mrs. D. Katherine Micklas, Evans City, Pa.
Miss Beatrice Lowden, McKeesport, Pa.
Mr. Ralph Reichhold, E. E., Pittsburgh, Pa.

The spring convention will be held in St. Luke's Church, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa., May 17, 1923.

INDIANA.

PORTLAND

Zion's League is a wideawake society. A farewell social was given in the fall for the students leaving for college. The speaker on this occasion was the State President, the Rev. J. S. Albert. After a study of the devotional topic, "Greater Reverence for God's House," each Leaguer made a resolution to enter God's house with a prayer. The League is planning to take an active part in a new house of worship about to be built.

MANCHESTER

Zion, North Manchester, are planning to assist in the purchase of a multigraph for Weidner Institute, held a social for the boys attending Manchester College, also a Hallowe'en social, and are doing definite work for the Oesterlen Home.

UNIONDALE

St. Mark's League gave a window in the auditorium of the new church and fixtures for the social room. The Junior League gave a window in the Sunday school room.

NORTH CAROLINA

WESTERN DISTRICT

The Western District of North Carolina met in convention on October 15 at Beth Eden Church, Newton, 108 delegates representing fifteen of the nineteen Leagues of the District being present.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. E. J. Sox, of Lenoir College. An address, "The Luther League of North Carolina to the Front," was given by the State President, Mr. E. R. Lineberger. He

also presented the trophy won by the North Carolina League at the York convention.

Mr. J. L. Throneburg addressed the convention on "Things to be remembered from the state convention." Conferences on Devotional, Business and Social Activities were conducted by Mr. C. K. Wise and Miss Eva Peeler.

The closing address, "The Relation of the Luther League to the Church" was delivered by Rev. J. C. Peery, D.D., of Lenoir College.

The whole convention brought new interest and inspiration.

SALISBURY

A Junior Luther League was organized in St. John's Church in September. The Juniors are very much interested in the work and have an attendance of about sixty at their devotional meetings. Their first social was held on Hallowe'en at the home of one of the Senior Leaguers, when a bonfire and outdoor games were enjoyed, and about seventy-five Juniors were present.

GRANITE QUARRY

The public reformation service given by the Luther League of Christiana on October 29 was helpful and inspiring. The vesper service was conducted by the President of the League, Mr. P. J. Lyerly. A story of the Reformation was given by one of the League members. Special music was rendered. The address of the evening was delivered by the Rev. G. H. Cooper. Miss Beulah Lyerly gave an interesting report of the York convention, and exhibited the trophy won by the North Carolina State League at the York convention.

VIRGINIA

LURAY

St. Mark's League is rapidly forging ahead. It has been their custom to take charge of some of the regular Sunday evening services. A delegate was sent to the convention of the Luther League of Virginia, and an excellent report of the same was made. The regular devotional meetings are held every Sunday evening at 6:45, with new leaders being developed from time to time, and THE LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW is used in building up successful meetings. Twenty-five dollars was recently given to the Roanoke College Fund, and the League has aided largely both in the work of the local church and in benevolent work.

OHIO

The Executive Committee of the Luther League of Ohio met on October 10, in Columbus, at which several matters of interest were planned. Among these were:

Plans made for the arranging of a "Standard of Excellence," for the purpose of unifying and promoting League work throughout the State. The proposed standard is to be based on the new objective of the Luther League of America—Education, Missions, Life Service.

November 26 is set aside for a special Life Service program, offering and discussion, all Leagues to arrange a program, including several five-minute talks by members on this important subject.

All districts are urged where possible to hold two-day conventions, and to cooperate with the State President, getting his assistance in arranging an interesting program.

It was also recommended that the Luther League of Ohio hold its second annual program at Hamma Divinity School Wittenberg, to promote League work among both regular and seminary students.

The autumn or October issue of the Luther League Lookout, the news sheet of the State organization is a bright, breezy number, with some excellent suggestions in the way of committee work, plans for a "leaderless" meeting, etc.

On the frontispiece appears this illuminating statement—"The Luther League of Ohio should be the most effective organization in the State for work among Christian young people. Our Church has a message for youth. Also a work to be done that is worthy for youth. Also a work to be done that is worthy to challenge the full strength of manhood and womanhood. May there be a hearty cooperation between pastor and young people, to the end that the Kingdom of God may be extended and the name of Christ may be glorified."

MINNESOTA

The Twin City District Luther League met in annual convention at the Holy Trinity Church, Minneapolis, Minn., Rev. C. Bartsch, pastor, Nov. 12, 1922.

The Convention was well attended, representatives being present from each of the eight active leagues of the District. The Redeemer League, Rev. J. F. Marlatte, pastor, had the highest representation.

The afternoon session was devoted chiefly to the business of the League. During this session two papers were read, the first, "Methods to Promote the Growth and Development of the League," by Minnie Peterson, Richfield League; the second, "The Maintenance of that Growth and Development Which Has Been Established," by Alma Riedell, Faith Luther League. Following these papers C. A. Carlson, Redeemer League, conducted the discussion.

The address of the evening was delivered by Prof. Reed, of the Seminary, on the subject, "The Ideal Young Christian."

The officers of the League for the coming year are:
President, Dr. R. H. Lundquist.
Vice President, Clarence Zimmerschied.
Recording Secretary, Anne Braun.
Corresponding Secretary, Gunhild Hanson.
Treasurer, Herbert Meyers.

NEBRASKA

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL, OMAHA

The Mystery Entertainment to be held on November 14 is under way. This is a gigantic undertaking for any League, but under the able leadership of their President, Herbert Fischer, and his splendid corps of chairmen, there is no doubt but that it will be a success. The details of the entertainment are to be kept secret and a real campaign of advertising is already started. The first poster is a large question mark. This will be followed by other posters gradually leading up to the full announcement.

DAKOTA CITY

The Salem League accepted the invitation to visit the Emerson League, which was not only enjoyed but helpful. In return the Emerson League, forty-two strong, visited the Salem League, the visit being greatly appreciated. The League as a whole has been very successful and the future looks bright.

CONVENTION OF THE BROOKLYN AND LONG ISLAND DISTRICT

Take out your Luther League Districtionary and look up "Brooklyn and Long Island." The definition given is "snappy, enthusiastic, full-of-pep." This was exemplified again at the recent fall convention of this district, held on Saturday, November 4th, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Brooklyn, N. Y., the Rev. Charles D. Trexler, pastor.

Rev. E. Hammer conducted the devotional services which opened the afternoon session. After the president's report, telling of the progress made in the previous half-year, the Extension Committee, Mrs. Frank Miller, chairman, gladdened the hearts of the delegates by recommending three new leagues for membership, two Senior and one Intermediate. These leagues were joyfully accepted and cordially welcomed into the district.

After giving the report of the Inner Mission Committee, Miss Reiss and her committee were given a rising vote of thanks by the assembled delegates.

That the devotional end of the Luther League program is not being overlooked, was demonstrated when Mr. Hoffman for the Devotional Committee reported that every one of the Leagues is holding regular devotional meetings. Nor is the "Ideal Program" recommended by the New York State League being forgotton, for, as Mr. Dittmer brought out in his report, of those Leagues which jualified at the recent State Convention, 44 per cent were members of the Brooklyn and Long Island District.

In the election of officers which followed, an ancient precedent was shattered, whereby a pastor has served as president of the District League, and Mr. Russell Sunden, a layman, and president of one of the local leagues, was chosen to succeed the Rev. R. C. Deitz, who had served so very acceptably. The condition of Rev. Deitz's health prevented his continuing in the office. Frank T. Salzer was elected recording secretary, Miss Frances Bottjer, corresponding secretary, and Henry W. Heins, treasurer. An amendment to the constitution which will in the future provide for a vice-president was passed by the delegates.

After the roll call which showed an attendance

of 234 delegates, exclusive of the members of the entertaining league, the assembly was respectively delighted, educated and amused by short talks by certain delegates who had attended the State and National Conventions, telling of the major incidents of those conventions.

These "Convention Echoes" were in charge of Mr. E. Hildebrant. Concerning the State Convention at Albany, Miss Poulson told of the "Sail up the Hudson," Mr. Metz of the "March on the Capitol." Mr. Saunders read for Mr. Salzer, that gentleman's tale of "The Wonderful Banquet." "The Three Most Important Items of Business" were detailed by Miss Bottjer, and "The Worth-while Addresses" by Miss Mathilda Freund.

After the delegates had gathered round the festive board, and surrounded a very splendid meal prepared and served by the Entertaining League, they were ready to hear the balance of the "Convention Echoes," concerning the National Convention at York. "What We Saw on the Way Down," was very entertainingly told by Miss Nichols. Mr. Swartz, with unsuspected droll humor, visualized for the delegates "The Three New York Delegation Banquets." Mr. Schwobel explained the "Three Objectives of the Luther League of America," as set forth at York, namely, education, life-service, and missions. Arthur Dittmer concluded with the story of "The Gettysburg Trip," taken by the New York delegation.

The address of the evening was given by George M. Jones, Esq., of Reading, Pa. He recommended "Life Service as an Avocation," distinguishing this from life-service as a vocation (pastor, deaconess, parish worker), and contrasting life-service with the usual avocations of so many people—and even some Leaguers—such as the theater, clubs. etc. At the conclusion of the stirring address. a rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Jones.

The Senior League of the Church of the Incarnation was awarded the attendance banner with an adjusted percentage of 102. The Intermediate League from the same church (newly organized) was second with an attendance of 84 per cent.

Clarence Dittmer for the Luther League of America presented to the district the trophy awarded it at the York Convention for the best District Exhibit—another example of the consistent manner in which this district takes the lead.

Greater progress is planned for the coming year. and Brooklyn and Long Island expect to live up to its slogan, "We lead—others follow." Look up the Districtionary again—and be convinced.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF THE MARYLAND SYNOD

The first Synodical Lutheran Young People's Convention of Maryland convened in St. Mark's Church, Baltimore, Md., the Rev. R. D. Clare, D.D., pastor, Monday, November 6, at 8 o'clock.

The opening service was conducted by the pastor.

The address was made by the President of Maryland Synod, J. S. Simon, D.D., of Hagerstown, on the subject of "The Lutheran Church and Her Young People," in which he forcibly emphasized the duty of loyalty of our young people to their church, faithfulness in the use of the Means of Grace, and the study of the Word. Dr. Simon, in illustrating the relation of the young people to their church, referred to the Vine and the Branch. The Young People's organization, as a branch of the Living Vine, the Church, should be kept in living connection with the Vine and through the Vine cause the Branch to bear fruit.

Immediately after the vesper service, the convention attendants were delightfully entertained by a reception given under the auspices of St Mark's Luther League in their church home.

Tuesday morning session, Nov. 7, opened with devotional service conducted by Rev. C. R. Botsford. of St. John's Church, Cumberland, Md.

A very helpful and interesting feature at this session was an elegant address delivered by our General Secretary of the Luther League of America, Harry Hodges, of Philadelphia, who referred to the fact that the Luther League was recognized and officially adopted as the Young People's organization of the United Lutheran Church. Mr Hodges covered various subjects of interest in reference to the work of the young people of our church, and very practically illustrated various ways in which Luther League meetings could be made interesting; also stressed the intended use of and ways in which the Luther League Topics and Reading Courses might be used to be helpful, as well as the importance of conducting League meetings in an informal manner.

The Nominating Committee then presented its report. which was adopted. resulting in the following election:

For President, H. A. Benner, of Washington, D. C.
For Vice President, Charles T. Hill, of Baltimore, Md.
For Recording Secretary, Mabel Smith, of Smithsburg, Md.
For Corresponding Secretary, Irma Hodes, of Baltimore, Md.
For Treasurer, R. G. Blocher, of Washington, D. C.

A Constitution was adopted.

Discussion on the subject of time and place for next convention then followed. It was decided by motion that future conventions be held in latter part of June or first part of July, the exact date to be determined by the Executive Committee.

By motion, the Executive Committee was instructed to draw up by-laws as may be necessary, to be presented at the next convention.

The session concluded with devotions, consisting of the singing of a hymn, followed by prayer offered by Mr. H. A. Benner, President.

The Convention continued Tuesday afternoon, with devotional services at 2 p. m., as conducted by Rev. A. E. Cooper, of Middletown, Md.

Under business transactions, the Committee on Nominations for members of the Executive Committee presented the following nominations:

V. W. Doub, of Middletown, for one year.
K. R. Wink, of Manchester, for two years.

The report was adopted.

By motion, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Rev. W. A. Wade, D.D., was instructed to introduce the newly elected officers, who were presented individually.

Bills were submitted as follows:

For programs	$18.00
For post cards	7.00
Incidental expenses	10.00

It was moved that the Chairman of the Synodical Committee present the bills to the Maryland Synod, and that if the Synod does not pay them immediately, the Treasurer of the Luther League of Maryland will pay them.

The Committee on Resolutions presented their report through their Chairman, Rev. F. W. Barry, and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted as read:

Resolved, first (a), That we have heard with pleasure and profit, the most excellent address by the President of our Maryland Synod, on the subject of "The Lutheran Church and Her Young People"; (b). That the members of this Convention here assembled do endorse the principles set forth in that address, and adopt them as the ultimate aim and purpose of this Synodical Luther League, and to this end will strive to bring each auxiliary connected therewith up to this standard.

Resolved, second, That we give expression of our appreciation, both for the presence and help of the General Secretary of our Luther League of America, Harry Hodges, at this Convention.

Resolved, third, That we gratefully acknowledge the generous hospitality of Pastor Clare, his Church Council, and the Luther League of this Church, in the entertainment of our Convention, for the thoughtful preparation for our coming, and the delightful reception accorded us in their beautiful church-home, and also for the delightful music rendered on this occasion by the Church Choir and Orchestra.

Resolved, fourth, That all the Young People's societies of the Synod co-operate in bringing our Young People's organizations in the Synodical League.

Next in order were four brief addresses as follows, from representatives of the Young People's societies of the various conferences: Miss Mabel Smith, of Smithsburg, brought greetings from the Western Conference, giving a clear outline of the work our Synodical League should and could do for the Church.

Greetings from the Mountain Conference were given by the Rev. C. R. Botsford, of Cumberland, who stressed the need of the work among our young people and the success to be obtained by united effort.

V. W. Doub, of Middletown, brought the greetings from the Middle Conference, and told of the great field for work among the congregations of our Synod.

Miss Tillie Nelson, of Washington, D. C., presented the greetings of the Eastern Conference and asked for a larger vision of the work for our young people.

The closing devotions were conducted by Rev. W. A. Wade, of Gowansville (Baltimore), Md., and consisted of a short meditation on Prayer.

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